

TETBURY AND DISTRICT U3A MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2020

AT 2PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Carmel Douglas Gail Lawrence Judith Anita

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology was received from Audrey.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on Monday, 2nd November 2020 were perused and there were no questions or comments.

IT WAS PROPOSED BY LAWRENCE AND SECONDED BY JUDITH

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 2ND
NOVEMBER 2020 BE PASSED AND APPROVED.

3. LOCKDOWN STATUS:

There had been no change regarding meetings which were still only permitted outside with a maximum of six persons present.

Tetbury and District U3A AGM: The Business Secretary was thanked for his technical expertise in setting up the AGM.

All comments received had been complimentary and positive.

National EGM: This had been called in order to propose that all future National AGMs be held remotely using Zoom or similar technology. Chairman will attend the EGM at which we have two votes and the Committee was unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Branch AGM: It was agreed that future local AGMs should only be held via Zoom if necessary as the social element of meetings was most important.

4. COTSWOLD LINK:

There had been an enquiry from another Branch as to the possibility of attending talks set up by other branches on a quid pro quo basis. This would involve some administrative work, although this could be passed on to the other branch.

The Speaker Secretary felt there might be some overlap in Speakers, although some branches were sufficiently far distant that that problem might not arise.

It was felt that our own Members must be given priority but that, if we had a shortfall in numbers, there was no reason why the opportunity should not be opened to other Branches.

5. FINANCE STATEMENT:

There had been no substantial change. There had been two late renewals and a new member plus some donations from the Play Reading Group from sale of copies of the plays written by Members.

The Treasurer would seek to clarify the situation within one Group which had money in hand.

The Business Secretary would need to claim a proportion of the costs of web site hosting and the web site building tools.

6. GROUPS:

Groups were continuing to meet remotely where possible with the Short Walks Group continuing to meet, socially distanced and with a maximum of six persons. It was not intended to walk in January.

There had been discussion in the Computer Group on the possibility of recycling old computers for distribution.

7. SPEAKERS:

The situation remained as reported at the previous Meeting. Details of the January Speaker had been included in the News Bulletin and details of how to join the Meeting would be in the next Bulletin.

The Speaker for January would be contracted at the beginning of the month in order to liaise with the Business Secretary regarding any technical

issues. A link would be sent to all Members with an opportunity for them to register their interest so that we would have some idea of numbers.

8. MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

There had been no substantial change since the last report.

A Member had raised a question regarding the 'Third Age Matters' magazine produced by National Office. This is available to Members who wish to avail themselves of a hard copy at a cost of £5 and is also available online.

9. NEWS BULLETIN:

A new Bulletin will go out first week in January 2021 which will include details of how to attend the Talk on 19th January.

It was suggested that a short biography of the Vice Chair should be included, with photo, to follow on from the one of the Chair and that each Committee Member should be included in turn, particularly, as this is now an official Committee as opposed to a Steering Committee.

10. A.O.B.:

National Office had provided a link to their Brand Centre - only available to the Treasurer - which enabled a Christmas Card to be downloaded which could be sent to Members. The Committee was shown the card and felt it would be appropriate and would be welcomed. The Membership Secretary volunteered to send this via email to all Members, including a personal message from the Chair.

The next Meeting will be held on Monday, 11th January, 2021 at 2pm via Zoom.

The Business Secretary was thanked for setting up the Meeting and Christmas wishes exchanged.