

MINUTES OF U3A COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 11th JANUARY  
2021

at 2pm via ZOOM

PRESENT: Carmel Audrey Douglas Gail Judith Lawrence Anita

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, 7th December, 2020 were discussed.

It was confirmed that the National AGM would in future be held via Zoom, or possibly via a hybrid system with some members present and others attending via Zoom.

It had been decided that our Branch AGM should be face-to-face if at all possible in the future.

The enquiry regarding sharing of monthly talks had been responded to but no further communication had been forthcoming.

The Treasurer had not so far been able to discuss with a Group Leader their particular financial situation but hoped to do so soon.

There were no comments on the other discussions held and it was confirmed that the Christmas card had been sent out to members.

IT WAS PROPOSED BY LAWRENCE AND SECONDED BY  
DOUGLAS -

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 7th  
DECEMBER 2020 BE PASSED AND APPROVED.

3. LOCKDOWN STATUS:

It was felt that members were only too well aware of current

restrictions which meant that no face-to-face meetings were possible.

#### 4. FINANCE:

We had received a donation from the sale of plays written by Jeremy and Stephanie which had contributed to funds which may well show a surplus at the year end after payment to National Office and for Beacon.

Whilst there is no particular criteria for deciding what is a reasonable balance to have in hand, the Committee felt that, if the surplus was too great, then discussions would need to take place as to whether this could be used to reduce subscriptions. A small amount could possibly be spent on celebrations. Some surplus is needed for unforeseen expenses.

#### 5. GROUP STATUS:

All group Leaders had been contacted but there was necessarily very little to report. The fact that a request had been made from a Member to join the Wine Group was felt to be a positive step showing that Members were still taking an active interest.

#### 6. SPEAKERS:

With considerable assistance from the Business Secretary, notices had been sent out to Members regarding the talk to take place on 19th January via Zoom and there had been a test run.

The names of the Speakers for February had been supplied and it was hoped that these would include Duke, an assistance dog.

The Business Secretary had up-dated the web site regarding talks and had included photographs.

The Bulletin/News Editor would include details of future talks in the next Bulletins and the next edition of the Tetbury Advertiser.

**ACTION:** Speaker Secretary to pass on the relevant details and also to check name of Tetbury Facebook page with a view to possible inclusion of U3A details.

It was considered that it would be useful to email those Members who had not renewed with details of the forthcoming talks and a

reminder that it was still possible to rejoin for £5.

ACTION: Speaker Secretary to liaise with Group Secretary on suitable email.

#### 7. MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Membership numbers now stand at 177 and there has been no change in status generally.

#### 8. NEWS BULLETIN:

News to be included in the next Bulletin would need to be submitted by Thursday of this week. As above, Editor to receive details of future talks. These would also be included in the Tetbury Advertiser.

The Editor requested a short autobiography from the Treasurer, Douglas, to follow on those supplied by Carmel and Anita. Lawrence to provide one for the following month.

#### 9. A.O.B.:

As the Committee is quite small, it would be helpful to co-opt up to three additional members in order to take over some of the responsibilities and to replace current members who wished eventually to resign. A name was put forward for consideration and contact.

It was requested that this subject should be included in the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting.

It was also discussed as to whether membership of the Steering Committee counted towards the permitted three-year tenure of the elected Committee. It was thought possibly not but this would be checked.

It was decided that the next Committee Meeting be held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 2pm via Zoom.

Lawrence was thanked for setting up the meeting.

