

MINUTES OF U3A COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 14TH MARCH
2022

AT LONG NEWNTON AT 2PM

PRESENT: Carmel Alan Gail Judith Lawrence Anita.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Audrey and Bernadette.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February were discussed.

The Member who had volunteered assistance had been contacted and her help gratefully utilised.

Website had been updated as discussed.

The Tetbury Advertiser had revised its March deadline which the News Letter Editor thought she had missed as most other contributors had also not been aware of the change of date.

A draft email regarding the proposed picnic in July would be delayed until May.

ACTION: Speaker Secretary to make a diary note to this effect.

Consideration was given to the changes currently taking place at Ilsom House with hopes that the new occupier might wish to be community minded and therefore provide some useful opportunities for the u3a.

IT WAS PROPOSED BY JUDITH AND SECONDED BY ALAN:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY BE PASSED AND APPROVED.

3. INTRODUCTION:

The Chair had been in touch with the Cotswold Link to explain that it was

not possible for someone from our branch to attend its AGM. The Cotswold Link had amended its Constitution as suggested by us and also changed the wording regarding future subscriptions from “appropriate” to “modest”.

A phone call had been received from the Regional Trustee suggesting a visit in July by the National Chair but this date was not convenient.

4. FINANCE:

The Treasurer intended to produce a spread sheet showing the end of the year financial position for submission to the AGM and also for the Auditor.

ACTION: Treasurer to produce end-of-year figures.

It was decided to delay discussion regarding the subscription for the next year until the meeting in April.

5. GROUPS:

The Group Coordinator had sent out a reminder to Group Leaders asking for any information for inclusion in the News Letter.

The Group Leader who had considered using the monthly meeting to publicise his Group had decided against this as there had not been sufficient interest but The Speaker Secretary reiterated that any Group could have a table at a monthly meeting in order to attract new members and the table-top display board was available for anyone to use.

A date for the Group Leaders to meet together would be discussed at a later date.

6. PUBLICITY:

The Publicity Secretary had been distributing the new leaflets around the town and the Chair undertook to enquire whether the Secretary wanted any help from the Committee with further distribution. Some brochures were handed out to be passed to specific locations.

7. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership now stands at 269 and is growing all the time.

The Membership Secretary will bring a number of Gift Aid forms to the monthly meeting and also asked that the News Letter should include a paragraph asking Members to complete a form if they had not already done so and it was appropriate.

8. WEBSITE AND BEACON:

The website had been updated.

Following an offer of assistance from someone not a Member, the Webmaster proposed to add a requirement for a membership number to be quoted before a request can be made through the website. There are a number of hidden safety factors and spam defences on the website to ensure online integrity.

9. SPEAKERS:

All was in hand for the monthly meeting on 21st March.

The Speaker Secretary confirmed that she would be prepared to undertake the same duties for a further year, although a replacement would be needed early next year (2023) to ensure continuity.

The Treasurer undertook to look into the possibility of an increase in the Speaker budget and it was confirmed that any suggestions for Speakers would be welcomed.

In order to make enquiries for Speakers for 2023, the Speaker Secretary was instructed to liaise with the Goods Shed regarding dates for 2023.

ACTION: Speaker Secretary to contact Goods Shed re dates for 2023.

10. NEWS LETTER:

The Editor asked for any news for the next News Letter.

11. A.O.B.

It was decided that a Lunch should be held in December at Chavenage House as the previous year and the date of Tuesday 13th December 2022 was confirmed.

ACTION: Speaker Secretary to confirm date with Chavenage House.

The next Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12th April 2022 at Hardie Close, Tetbury.