

MINUTES OF THE HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4th August, 2021 AT THE JOHN GODBER CENTRE

Present:

David Rose, Chairman
Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary
Siobhan Lee, Groups' Co-ordinator
Melvyn Francis, Vice-Chairman, Workshops
& Short Courses Organiser
Angela Cornish, Webmaster

Christine Berrill, Treasurer
Mark Jackson, Business Secretary
Dianne White, Co-opted Member
Phil Attenborough, Equipment Manager
Greg Umney, Membership Secretary
Barrie Saunders, Member
Diane Heenan, Co-opted Member

Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting (circulated via email) were approved and signed.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Groups' Co-ordinator

- a.Group display boards - Siobhan Lee would email all group leaders to ask if they would like the group boards for their own use as, after discussion, it was agreed not to use these in the future as there was no space for their display in the meeting room, they were rarely updated and no storage facilities for them.
- b.Display for the Open Day – Siobhan had emailed every member to ask for their input for the display table at the John Godber Open Day and only 6 members had replied.
- c.It was reported that the Acoustic Guitar group had closed. Siobhan also reported the Choir may close due to a lack of a Group Leader and Accompanist.
- d.Indoor Bowls & Kurling Groups were having difficulty finding appropriate premises.
- e.A new group had been set up – the Litter-picking Group, with leader Val Gant and 16 members. A grant had been received from Veolia to help with setting this up

Speakers' Secretary

- a.July Zoom meeting report: approximately 35 members had logged into Zoom for this meeting.
- b.August – No Zoom meeting in August.
- c.September meeting: Maureen Newton to be the speaker. Mark Jackson would send an email to all members asking if they would be attending the meeting.
- d.October meeting: a talk from "The Beeman"
- e.November meeting: Stephen Walker on "The archeology of Moorpond Woods".
- f.December: no meeting.

Social Sub.Committee – Minutes of meeting 29th July circulated via email

- a.Quiz Night 1st October, 7 for 7.30 pm – Members to be asked via email to say if they would be attending; they would pay on the door and provide their own food. There would be seven question rounds

b.Christmas Social, 6th December – It was suggested the U3A Re-opening Grant of £200 could bid for and used towards this event, which would be organised in two halves, morning and afternoon with light refreshments provided

c.2022 draft programme – The Sub.Committee proposed that four events would be planned; Bestwood Male Voice Choir (if available) in March; a Hog Roast in June; a Quiz Night in October; a Sixties Night. Rooms had been booked.

Webmaster – Angela Cornish reported more hits on the U3A Facebook page and encouraged members to check out the page which was used to publicise U3A events and to refer people to the main U3A Website for more detailed information. Diane Heenan is helping to keep the Facebook page up to date.

Treasurer – Chris Berrill presented the following accounts which were accepted.

a.Groups account

b.Overall account

c.A form from Ashfield District Council had been received for completion for groups who used the Community Room at Titchfield Court (Watercolour Group and Craft Group 2).

d.Mark Jackson presented the current Budget.

Equipment Manager

Storage of equipment – The Books Stall boxes were being stored at the Youth House temporarily. It was doubtful whether there would be room to have a Book Stall at the John Godber Centre. We will have a better idea after the first monthly meeting. There will be one U3A cupboard on site at John Godber Centre. The stage and Bowling/Kurling equipment were being temporarily stored by members. Discussion took place on the future of the stage but no conclusion was drawn.

Vice-Chairman & Short Courses/Workshops organiser – Melvyn

a.“What’s the Problem With Sugar?” information talk would be on zoom next Wednesday, 11th August.

b.“Click & Save” – Melvyn reported that this was a new scheme organised by National U3A which involved members registering for a “loyalty card” via their local U3As, keeping a positive cash balance on the card and then obtaining discounts on items purchased when using the loyalty card. A small percentage would be returned to the individual U3As as a donation. After discussion it was decided Hucknall & District U3A did not wish to participate in this over complex scheme.

Membership Secretary –

a. Greg Umney reported membership was 458 including 3 new members and with 17 potential members. The new member’s leaflet needed updating which Siobhan Lee would do and Mark Jackson would print them off. Greg would like to hold a one-off New Members’ Meeting, prior to the May meeting.

b. On average fewer than 200 members attended the speaker’s section of the monthly meeting. This increased slightly in January and February. Further discussion took place on numbers etc later in the meeting.

Business Secretary

- a. John Godber Open Day 22nd August – Siobhan Lee would liaise with those groups who had offered help. She had ordered sashes and would be using the blue display boards.
- b. East Midlands Conference, 29th September – The two previous delegates were not now able to attend and their places were taken by Angela Cornish (Social Media workshop) and Christine Berrill (Finance workshop). Siobhan Lee would also be attending as a member.
- c. Future monthly meeting arrangements:

The Committee members inspected the main John Godber Upper Hall where future U3A Monthly Meetings would be held. They planned the layout of the room.

Provisional format of the monthly meeting as follows:

Car Park entrance only to be used. Doors to open 1.50 pm for 2 pm start. Names to be ticked off from the list of those who had said they were attending. Maximum attendance 200 members only. There may be space for the blue display boards to be put up. There will be a few tables at the rear of the room for those group leaders who needed to take deposits etc. Group Leaders' input as at previous meetings. Committee members to wear sashes so that new members would know who to ask questions of. 2.30 pm - refreshments to be served from the hatch in the bar and members asked to move out of the bar area immediately. Speaker starts at 3 pm. Meeting closes at 4 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 1st September at 10 am at the John Godber Centre.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.