**June 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes.**

 **Hucknall & District u3a Committee Meeting- JGC on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 10 am.**

**Present:** Tina Holmes [Chair], Liz Attenborough, Sue Tedstone, Melvyn Francis,

Gary Holmes, Greg Umney, John Pretty. Sue Jackson (mins secretary)

**1**. **Apologies**: Kevin Varey, Lynda Smeathers, Bob McEwan, Christine Eagle

**2.** **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting**: agreed and signed

**3**. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** none

**4.** **Chair:** Last month’s action points. MF smart phone course – action complete. LA The Microphone malfunction is now sorted. The previous Committee Meeting Mins. from MF chair period are now available and been passed to the Committee.

Proposed Trips - TH 4 trips have been proposed:-

 1. Edinburgh (Aug 26) with Chris West.

 2. Ilfracombe (March 26) with Mark Thornley- TH apologized for late approval request as MT raised this over a month ago..

3. TH proposing a trip to Exmouth (Sept 26)

 4. Dave Rose proposed trip to Normandy beaches through Skills (after 10th April 26).

The committee agreed that in general terms, so long as all proposed trips use the guidelines provided on the website, having several trips running throughout the year is not an issue. All 4 trips were approved.

Proposal to change March 2026 Committee date. 4 committee members will be joining one of the above trips taking place over the normal Committee Metting in March 26. Proposal to change 4th March 26 committee meeting to 25th February (week earlier), agreed by Committee, as most of the Committee members need to be in attendance for the draft accounts presentation prior to the AGM.

**5. Equipment Manager**: LA will beaway for the next 2 members meeting. John Tedstone and MF have agreed to helpduring theEquipment Mangers absence. Committee thanked John Tedstone for his willingness to help cover in LAs absence. The committee then discussed the need for others to be trained in equipment use. **LA to set up a small team for backup and assistance in her absence or when required.**

**6.** **Treasurer**: Monthly report - GH has opened a new bank account, any surplus funds will go into this new account which accrues interest. The interest will pay for transaction fees incurred by other u3a accounts e.g. PayPal, SumUp.

Accounts are currently on track when the treasurer considers that the TAT and Beacon subscriptions arrived earlier than budgeted. GH reported that following the Group Leaders’ meeting several of the leaders had come to him for assistance in the new banking system. GH was very pleased to report that there is now noticeably less cash and cheques arriving for him (GH) to deal with.

**7**. **Membership Secretary**: Monthly report – 494 members. 454 full. 25 associate, 15 affiliated. 6 new members this month. 130 members attended the monthly meeting. Of the 80 Newsletters printed for the May Members meeting, 30 were left. GU suggested printing 60 newsletters rather than 80 in future based on attendance at the general meeting and GU will assess numbers going forward. **TH to email Steve and ask for 60 copies to be produced this month.**

**Badges-** 100 badges have been ordered- GU to collect. ID Badges will only to be made-up on request, so 100 badges should last some time (approximately 2 years).

**8.** **Any other business**: At the last General meeting, money was being collected for an organized trip which has not been sanctioned by u3a, and has nothing to do with the u3a as far as the Committee is aware.  **TH to email all members re: tables at members meetings and their legitimate/non-legitimate use.**

Following the arrival of an unexpected member at a group event, ST sent an email to all Group Leaders (GL) regarding the correct protocol to follow for members joining a new group.

Vegetarian cooking will be cancelled for a while due to health reasons. The GL has organized cover for her other group (Gardening)

Watercolour group -the tutor will be standing down and so the group is looking for a new Artist/Tutor. ST as Group Coordinator was asked for help in recruiting a new tutor. After discussion, the Committee agreed that finding new tutors for a group was not part of the Group Coordinators’ remit. The Group Leaders have responsibility for this, but the Committee will offer advice and support if possible. **TH is in the watercolour group and will contact Group Leader to offer advice.**

MF questioned if the 2 upcoming vacancies for Committee members have now been filled. Some interest has been expressed, but we will continue to advertise the vacancies through the Newsletter and General Meeting.

JP informed the Committee that the new website launch should happen as planned. **JP to email BM to make announcement at next members meeting.**

**Meeting finished at 11.15am**

**The next Committee meeting (Chair BM) will be held at the JGC on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 10.00am**