

Minutes of meeting on 15 10 2023

Meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Linda Bilsborrow, Paula Reilly-Cooper, Barrie Hacking, Alice Holmes, Jenny Haines, Kate Ashworth, Alan Casey

APOLOGIES: Sue Jones, Stuart Naylor, Keith Saywell, Linda Williams, Moira Egan

2. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
<p>Barry noted that the Acknowledgement to Louise for her valuable contribution did not take into account her long service.</p> <p>Item4 – Storage: Kate has contacted the Town Hall staff re the equipment not being up to standard. She will keep a record of any issues ensuing.</p> <p>Item 8 – New Members Morning There were no problems – everything went well.</p>	Kate
3. UPDATE ON 2024 CELEBRATIONS	
<p>Kate reported that 32 groups will be taking part and there will be a mixture of performances, interactive and displays. 38 leaders expressed interest. We need to ask if there is anything they need, and also we need to set up areas in the relevant venues. This could prove to be complicated and a meeting will be necessary to discuss and organise.</p> <p>Publicity –caps, bunting and pens with the U3A logo have been purchased</p>	Kate
4. STORAGE SPACE FOR U3A EQUIPMENT	
<p>There is nothing available in Sandbach apart from the space offered by Pete Duncan. There could be an issue with temperature if we were to store electrical equipment but it will be mostly documents and display boards. Paula has donated a screen and equipment that includes a speaker</p> <p>We have been told there are no display boards in the Town Hall (they used to be kept under the stage and were there 3 years ago. This needs to be followed up with the Town Hall, but we could also double check at the next Members Meeting.</p> <p>Alan said that there is a large speaker with an amp kept in the Marriot Room at the Library, but this was in doubt as it was assumed that Jim Thompson takes care of this speaker.</p> <p>The meeting voted unanimously on taking the storage space offered by Pete.</p> <p>We do have a list of U3A owned equipment, but this is not up to date. Group Leaders have been contact by Sue to see if they have any equipment that needs storing. Geoff Burnell may still have a set of OS maps and Hi Vis used by one of the walking groups that has disbanded.</p>	Kate Stuart Sue
5. TRUSTEE ELECTIONS	
<p>Only one person has come forward – he has a background in Committee work and is good with Social Media.</p>	Linda
6. FINANCE UPDATE	
<p>Keith sent an update on the financial situation - it is in a very healthy position</p>	

7. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE	
Barry reported that 130 people had still not renewed and their membership lapses at the end of October. They will be emailed to say that they are no longer members of the U3A and Group Leaders will be notified likewise. This is slightly less than last year. As they could still come along to Monthly Members Meetings, we will need Kevin's list to check.	Barry
8. UPDATE ON GROUPS	
Paula reported that Tai Chi still have no leader – Andy Bailey is still in Greece. The Leader of Bowls 9 is stepping down next year and no one has come forward to take it on – this will need to be advertised. We have had a request from Table Tennis for permission to buy 3 sets of nets and supports at £39.95 each, which will be used by 5 groups each week. The committee agreed the purchase.	Paula
9. TRUSTEE ADMIN	
The next Trustee meeting will be 20 November 2023.	
10. AOB	
There was an anonymous post on the Library notice board asking for a contact number for the U3A. It was agreed that the notice board needs updating with the website address and a contact telephone number. Alan commented on the fact that the card reader could not be plugged in near the desk we use in the Library. Sandy has emailed the Chief Librarian to ask if we can move across to the other side of the stairs. Paula noted that the Committee list on the website needs updating – it still has Sharon on it and does not have Moira. The Contemporary Dance Group are doing a Flash Mob on the cobbles for the Birthday Celebration and have requested a purchase of 24 Fred Astaire canes at a cost of £65. This was agreed.	Paula Alan
SOCIAL ACTION: One of our members is collecting old used bras to send to Africa. It was agreed that we would send the information out to our members.	Linda
Jean Williams has written a book about Bradwall Hall Gardens. Many of our members will find this of interest and it was suggested that we invite her to give a talk at the Monthly Meeting, and she will be able to advertise her book.	Kate
Trevor Boxer has emailed the committee concerning the parking charges that CEC are proposing, and has asked if we can encourage our members to send in their comments on the CEC Consultation site, as this will adversely affect members when parking in Sandbach. It was proposed that we thank Trevor for the information, and will put a reference in the update so that people can make up their own minds.	Linda
Bob Hynett from the Probus Club contacted the committee to ask if we could promote the club within our membership. We feel this is not appropriate as the club is not open to all our members. Linda will contact him.	Linda
The meeting closed at 10.47am	