

Minutes of Sandbach & District u3a Trustees Meeting
held on 9.30am Monday 19 August 2024

Item		Action
1	Present: Moira Egan, Barrie Hacking, Jenny Haines, Alice Holmes, Stuart Naylor, Paula Reilly Cooper, Ken Talbot (chair), Linda Williams Apologies: Kate Ashcroft, Linda Bilsborrow, Alan Casey, Keith Saywell In attendance: Gillian Curtis	
2	Minutes of June meeting Accepted as a correct record Matters arising None	Stuart
3	Feedback on Membership renewal days and Group Leader training Attendance was good at the first two renewal days, but much quieter on the third day. Linda B has feedback from GLs, which will be passed on at the next meeting. Not all GLs attended, so it will be helpful to provide a short summary of the presentation and feedback, along with any necessary explanatory notes, for circulation to GLs. At next summer's GL training we should order less food per head.	Paula, Linda B Alice
4	New members morning Friday 11th October, 10.30 am at the Old Hall, agreed as the date for the next new members morning. Alice to book the venue & catering.	Alice
5	Health & Safety policy One minor amendment: the policy will be reviewed annually in <u>September</u>, and this review will include a summary of any accidents/incidents over the previous 12 months. With this minor amendment the policy was agreed and adopted.	Linda W
6	Group Leader Working Lunch in February Visits had been made to Malkins Bank Golf Club, Sandbach School and Crewe Golf Club. The recommendation from the small working group (Moira, Alice and TN) was accepted. Arrangements for next year will be: 12 noon on Saturday 8th February 2025 at Crewe Golf Club Food at about 1.15 pm Catering for approx. 70 people at £20 per person Tables and food serving areas will be organised differently in order to avoid the problems that occurred this year. Sandbach School is also viewed very positively, especially with its large car parking area, and will be kept in mind for future meetings. Thanks were recorded to TN, Moira and Alice for researching the venues.	Moira
7	Finance update The report was accepted. Gillian Curtis was welcomed as the new treasurer in waiting.	

8	Membership update The membership report was accepted. Approx. 380 members have not yet renewed. Ken will send a reminder about renewals in an update.	Ken
9	Update on groups <i>French scrabble and conversation</i> will be advertised to the membership in an update. <i>Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) discussion group and Introduction to Nichiren Buddhism</i> will be advertised to the membership to see if there is sufficient interest to start either of these groups. One member is keen to start a <i>cribbage</i> group and is willing to act as GL. The likely start date is October, in the Vets Pavilion when the summer bowls group finish using that venue. The <i>Really Useful Group</i> (RUG) is now on SWISH, with members' names.	Paula, Ken Paula, Ken
10	Trustees admin Minor changes to the calendar noted. Thanks to Alice for organising the very enjoyable trip to Shrewsbury Flower Show.	Stuart
11	AOB a) Chair Yoga in the Masonic Hall The chair yoga group has to set out chairs in the Masonic Hall for their meetings. At present the GL sets out chairs, but the way that the chairs are stacked makes it increasingly difficult for the GL to continue to do this. We have been quoted £11.44 per session for the caretaker to put chairs out in advance for the group. Some groups do meet in the hall before chair yoga, so on these dates chairs can be left out for chair yoga members. We agreed that Ken will ask for a volunteer to set out chairs for chair yoga on the dates when this will be necessary; the group members are able to put the chairs away themselves at the end of the session. Paula will send Ken a list of dates and Ken will then go to the RUG with the request for one or more volunteers to help. Moirra will follow up diplomatically with the Masonic Hall. b) Scout Hut Linda W held a very useful meeting with the scout hut manager and a table tennis GL. Current problems with the Scout Hut will be addressed over the coming weeks. Safety will be significantly enhanced if the table tennis groups can purchase a set of table surrounds. These will prevent players on one table colliding with those on another table. The provisional cost of a set of surrounds is approx. £300 - £400, depending on the supplier. We agreed in principle to fund the purchase of a suitable set of surrounds. The precise cost will be confirmed with the chair or vice chair when an order is ready to be placed and before any financial commitment is made.	Paula, Ken, Moirra Paula, Linda B or Ken
	Meeting closed at 10.40 am. Next Trustees meeting on Monday 16th September at 09.30 am	