

Minutes of the U3A Committee Meeting Monday, 13th September 2021

Present:

Chris Niven (CN), Janet Gibson (JG), Barry Doran (BD), Margaret Naylor (MN)

Keith Sherwood (KS)

The meeting started at 2pm.

Apologies:

Peter Hayden, Jayne Holmes

Minutes of the previous meeting – agreed, with an amendment that it is just the committee members who want to go to conference, that have been enrolled.

In addition, the photography group are to be asked to contribute to the newsletter.

Afternoon Tea This was the first of the Group Contact and Committee afternoon teas at Rumbletum and went well, the second is on the 30th September.

Treasurer: All groups need to pass their balance sheet to Keith each year for the audit.

October Meeting:

We are hoping to hold a hybrid meeting, although this will entail extra work for the IT staff. CN to talk to Ray and a practice held. We also need to find storage for equipment.

Members are encouraged to book places in advance for test and trace, and there are no refreshments, and face masks are encouraged. Full details to be included in the October newsletter.

Two tables will be needed for the signers in.

Membership – we now have 322 members in total - see attached e-mail

A coffee morning has been arranged for new members at the Horse and Groom in the morning.

JG said that the coffee morning that she had attended had gone well.

Size of groups:

The problem of groups that are full to capacity was discussed. The policy is to encourage one of the members to branch out and begin a new one, but members have so far been reluctant to do this. Could members meet on alternate weeks or months? The groups subcommittee will discuss this more.

New Groups

A Gogglebox groups has been suggested for the third Tuesday morning by Janet Lander, to be held at The Sun.

MOTO – Jayne Holmes has arranged this, first meeting is in September.

Publicity and Recruitment

The Publicity Support Group is meeting on the 15th October.

Recruitment needs to be our next focus, once hybrid meetings are set up.

Online Development - see attached report

Community

Eastwood Town Council have asked us to join in with a “yarn bomb” scheme, which involves decorating places in Eastwood with knitting –by November, MN to talk to the Craft Group. JG will also ask the W.I. for ideas.

Welfare and sympathy cards

Cards have been sent out to members who are ill, or to their families in the case of bereavement. JL was asked to send a get well card for the bridge tutor.

A.O.B.

The Great Northern pub have offered to host groups – in return for a hot drink, as is the arrangement with the Sun. The next committee meeting is to be held there.

JG explained to the committee that she had been approached by a member to book the church lounge for her group. There followed a discussion about whose responsibility it is to book premises – it should usually be the group contact leader, but in the case of a contract, then it would be the treasurer.

The groups subgroups will sort out a policy in their meeting.

The next meeting is at the Great Northern at 2pm on Tuesday, 26th October 2021