

Minutes of the U3A Committee on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 4 pm at The Great Northern

Present: Chris Niven, Margaret Naylor, Barry Doran, Keith Sherwood, Janet Gibson

Apologies: Jayne Holmes, Peter Hayden

Minutes : of the last meeting were approved

Membership : at the moment, there are 327 members. A few enrolled and paid £15 in October. It was agreed that they should just be asked to pay £5 for the coming year.

The issues of using a card machine was discussed, and it was decided that we already have enough options to pay -cash, cheque or bank transfer.

The next three meetings will be on Zoom – and it seems to work better if the speaker is also on Zoom. Speakers are booked for January and February so far.

The committee agreed that it is essential to recruit new members to share the load, and each member was tasked to find another person each.

Our equipment needs labelling – Ray to do this, when we are back in the hall, using a printer's labels. This expense was agreed by the committee. It may be necessary to purchase new equipment – it was left that Ray will let us know what he needs, and then it can be considered. We need to know the cost of the projector that has been bought from the church – so that it can be entered into the accounts.

The hand sanitisers have vanished and will need replacing.

A.O.B.

Janet Gibson has attended a network publicity and recruitment meeting. They are suggesting to have a week of activities to promote the U3A – 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. There will be another meeting in January, which will be followed by a mailshot of information to each U3A. The plan is to end the week of activities with a jamboree in the market square. Suggestions of activities will be sent out to each U3A, and it would be a good idea to choose one quickly, to ensure a quality option.

Barry to explore options for membership cards to be printed out – also, the contact cards, which have not been used recently, due to the pandemic. It was felt that members do still like to have a card, and emergency contact information is an important element of any group activity.

The date of the next committee meeting is Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at the home of Chris Niven at 2pm.