

# **Eastwood District U3A Executive Committee**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 1.30 pm at Greasley Community Centre**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Keith Sherwood, Janet Lander, Marianne Sparrow, Doris Fellowes, Madeleine Fletcher, Linda Rothwell

**Apologies:** Barry Doran, Chrys Millington, Anne Steel

**Minutes of Meeting held on 06/02/2023:**were approved

**Matters Arising :**Lanyards have not been purchased yet

**Treasurer's Report:** Received. We have generated a significant amount from new memberships, and have paid another bill for £72 for the website

**Website:** Keith has now updated the website, as directed by Ionos.

**MembershipReport:** Received. We now have 305 on roll, including 41 new members since January. There were 133 at the monthly meeting.

**Groups:** Some groups have changed their venues and this has been updated on Beacon. A new Whist group is about to start at the Hayloft, on the same date as Canasta, so that members can do both if they choose. The Social Trips group has also started, organised by Sandra Burns, the first visit being to Liverpool and is proving very popular. A new member, Andy Fleet, has offered to provide ICT support for members, and may start a specific group for this purpose.

**Volunteers:** The same two people are setting up each time, so Doris will look for some others to support them. A few places are not filled for April, so she will use the volunteers list to contact members. Members of the committee had to sign in at the beginning, since the volunteers did not arrive early. This is to be put into the newsletter, so that in general committee member are free to support new

members / sort out any problems. Marianne is to talk about volunteers at the next meeting, to encourage more to take part.

**Newsletter:** Sandra Burns has offered to do the newsletter for June, when Margaret is not able to do it. She is not intending to take it over at the moment, and we still need to advertise for helpers. It was hoped that maybe Andy Fleet might be interested, using his ICT skills.

**AGM:** This will be held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Janet will ask Margaret to put this date into the newsletter, along with a plea for new committee members and a list of the different roles that could be available. She will prepare the nomination lists for the next meeting, to be put onto the board. The final date for nominations will be 28 days before the AGM, which will be 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. Janet will then prepare a calling notice to go out to all members, showing who is standing and including a detailed agenda for the AGM.

Chrys and Linda both wish to stand down at the AGM, and we appreciate the work that they have done for us this year.

**AOB:**

1. Some members have suggested that instead of using single use plastic cups at the meeting, we could use china cups and wash them up. It was felt that this would be too onerous for the refreshments team, but that we should also reduce our use of plastic. We decided that we would use up our store of cups, and encourage the use of re-usable cups. Keith is to prepare an item for the newsletter, explaining this change in policy. We will need to give plenty of notice that this is happening, so that everyone starts to bring their own cups, and take them home to wash.
2. Janet O'Neill has offered a screen as a gift to the Photography group, and the committee authorised the purchase of a projector to go with it. At Brinsley Parish Hall, an additional charge is about to be charged for the use of projector and

screen, and hopefully the Art Appreciation group can also use the new equipment occasionally, since they use the same venue.

3. Gill Cooke's husband has died and Janet will send a card to her, as well as one to the son of Jack MacHenry, who died recently.
4. The speaker at the last meeting, Jerry Irvin, who was very interesting, has expressed an interest in the group and is willing to step in again to do a different one.

**Date of next meeting:** April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Greasley Community Centre at 1.30 pm (note earlier date, to avoid Easter Monday). NOTIFICATION OF