

MINUTES of Saltash U3A Committee Meeting Friday 7 January 2022 at SHADO centre.

Present

Amanda Smith (Chair) , Rachel Linford (Minutes Secretary) Roger Fursier (Groups Coordinator) , Gill Higgins(Speakers Secretary),Barry Olver(Treasurer) Rose Olver (Membership Secretary)Jeanne Milton, Angie Fisher(Webmaster)

1. **Apologies:** Mel Brunskill, Lesley Brunskill
1. **Minutes** of previous meeting 26 November 2021 agreed and signed.

Action Points from 26 November:

1. To be left until later in year due to current COVID situation.
2. Amanda and Rachel to meet re Howton Solar Farm funding
Action Point 1. Amanda and Rachel to put forward funding application.
3. Done
4. Done
5. Microphone no longer available
6. Included in members email.
7. Done
8. Co-op funding transferred.
9. Investigated but needs further clarification.
10. Done.
11. Roger will enquire if they want it, if not he will take to Recycling Centre.
12. All done, 1 carry bag and computer bag allocated to Ann Kelly to be scrapped.

Chair

1 January AGM

This will take place next meeting on 13 January. Amanda will enquire of Saltash Social Club that numbers haven't changed. Amanda will send out email to members and Barry will send Financial Reports for any questions prior to AGM.

Gill will do Raffle, Jeanne refreshments, Angie on the door, Roger minutes. Rachel will do Agenda.

2. Saltash Library

Amanda and Mike Corber met David Orton from Saltash Library which is now Social Hub. He is keen to promote U3A , photography exhibition will take place between 4 February and 4 March. Our feathered flags could be utilised.

3. Showcase

Discussion as to where this should be held . Social Club, Saltash Wesley or Railway building. Consensus that it should be SSC as easier to get to. Due to groups not doing much over last year Roger will contact GL's to see what interest there is.

Action Point 2. Roger to contact GL's re Showcase.

4. **Plymouth University**

Jennifer Gegg has association with Plymouth University and we are still being encouraged to attend their lectures. She is meeting with Vice Chancellor next week to see if we could work with them on different surveys. She informed Amanda that National U3A have disbanded their Resources department as it is now on line, although she has managed to get some literature sent to her. Could be that other groups could benefit from some literature. Roger will contact Jennifer for details.

Action Point 3. Roger to contact Jennifer Gegg re Resources Department,

5. **Discover and Dine**

Last trip very successful. Rachel, Roger and Amanda to put together programme.

Action Point 4. Amanda, Rachel and Roger to meet

Correspondence

Angie had just received correspondence from Fast Host about a possible change to pricing, she has sent to Barry and Amanda but hadn't had chance to look into it properly.

Action Point 5. Angie to investigate Fast Host pricing.

Group Coordinator

One Group Leader accidentally sent email address of all members in a group email. Once we get back to a bit of normality then possible refresher training for Group Leaders on Beacon as they should all be using it.

Trip arranged for March, Roger has contacted all participants to ensure they have adequate insurance cover. They are using Hopper Bus dependant on the Community Bus still running. Roger will consider contacting Red Bus for a back up possibility.

Treasurer

Barry had done some analysis of our savings by using SSC rather than Wesley Church. Over the months October, November and December we made a saving on hire fees of £193. At Wesley Church we provided refreshments with an average of £33.00 per meeting whereas Money goes direct to SSC.

Barry had circulated to all the figures from Charity Commission showing our returns for the last 3 years, This current year we will fall below the £10,000 total income however next year could be a different matter. All agreed we wouldn't revisit the previous years but be aware we need to report on our total income from all sources.

Current Account : £8786.58

Social Account. : £3045.80

External Funding Account: £3653.76

Reserve Account : £1000.00

Webmaster

We have had some security attacks on our website, we have paid Cameron to do work on it. Mike Corber wanted to change some photos on his Photography Page but a sizing problem , possible due to an update to “carousel “ . Angie will look into it

Action Point 6. Angie to look into photo sizing.

Membership

We have 241 members and TAM has been ordered. Rose had identified members with no email addresses and sent all letters . She has now got 4 new email addresses and only 4 members with no email contact.

Secretary

Nothing

Publicity

Nothing

Speakers

Speakers are reluctant to commit due to COVID situation.

AOB**Summary of Action Points**

1. Amanda and Rachel to submit Howton Solar Farm application.
2. Roger to contact GL's re Showcase
3. Roger to contact Jennifer Gegg regarding Resources dept at TAT
4. Amanda, Roger and Rachel to meet regarding Discover and Dine
5. Angie to investigate new pricing for Fast Host
6. Angie to look into photo sizing on website

Next Meeting - Friday 4 February SHADO Centre 2pm.

