

MINUTES of Saltash U3A Committee Meeting Friday 4 February 2022 at SHADO centre.

Present

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

1. **Apologies:** Mel Brunskill, Lesley Brunskill Gill Higgins
1. **Minutes** of previous meeting 7 January 2022 agreed and signed.

Action Points from 7 January

1. Amanda and Rachel met, see item 1 under Chair
 2. Roger contacted GL's re Showcase, limited response
 3. Done, contact within TAT is Janine Aldridge
 4. Done, will meet again for further programme
- Action Point 1. Amanda,Roger and Rachel to meet.**
5. Done, Fasthosts software update done at no extra cost
 6. Done, photo sizing and galleries implemented

Chair

1 Funding

Discussion regarding Howton Solar Power funding. Originally when Amanda and Rachel met it was to consider Study Day at China Fleet Club but this has proved to be a bit expensive. Proposal put forward for a boat trip up the Dart with coaches laid on from Saltash. This would cost roughly £1692. £792 for 120 seater boat and £400 x2 for 53 seater coaches. Events overtook this idea . Angie suggested that it would be good idea if the funding could follow on from our leaflet funding. Rachel suggested that possibly we could ask for funding to revamp our website(see Webmaster Report) , although unfortunately we couldn't provide an estimate. Decision to ask for £3000.

Action Point 2: Amanda and Rachel to put forward to Howton Solar Farm Fund.

Lesley had sent out to all Committee invitation to apply for funding from Carew Pole Charitable Trust. Deadline 14 February. Decision to look into having Platinum Jubilee picnic at Rugby Club instead of our June monthly meeting.

Action Point 3. Amanda and Rachel to put forward funding application.

2. New Members Coffee Morning

We need to hold another meeting in the hope we can recruit new committee members. We have roughly 30 new members since last meeting held. Looking to hold either Thursday 24th or Friday 25th.

Action Point 4. Barry to contact Teresa Orchard of SHADO for availability.

Correspondence

Barry has received notification that the price of TAM will increase from £3.10 per copy to £3.35 , this will be an extra outlay for us of £50.50. Also members contribution to TAT increasing from £3.50 to £4.00, costing us an extra £123.00 . 220 households have TAM, 18 households don't. No reduction in membership if you elect not to receive it.

Group Coordinator

Minimal responses from GL,s re Showcase. Question was asked if there was enough tables, yes there was. Mel Dixon has returned a GPS given to her, it is working but these now have been superseded by mobile phones.

Treasurer

Norton software installed on all all U3a laptops, Treasurer/Members laptop upgraded with an SS drive. Money for SSL certificate transferred from Barclays to PayPal. Barry informs all committee when transferring money to Pay Pal as no counter signatory needed.

Questions at AGM answered:

Is cost of TAM included in members subscription to TAT - No the subscription of £3.50 only includes for TAT services and certain insurances.

What is Direct Mail Scheme Payment - This is for the production and postage of TAM 5 times per annum hasn't been free since 2014.

Barry was asked about parking at SSC , thought it was OK to park in SSC carpark. Amanda will clarify with Sarah.

All agreed we will continue holding monthly meetings at SSC , Barry to book up to July.

Current Account : £9156.63

Social Account. : £667.80

External Funding Account: £3653.76

Reserve Account : £1000.00

Action Point 5: Amanda to contact Sarah at SSC to clarify parking situation

Action Point 6: Barry to book SSC up to July.

Webmaster

Everyone agreed that our website needs a revamp to make it more modern and attractive to new members. Some of this can be done by Webmaster but if we need Cameron's help it could incur a substantial expense.

Things we need to consider is first and foremost the home page which is where potential members are first taken. It is boring and should be more dynamic. Use of our promotional video was considered. Angie will contact Cameron to see if this can be used.

Other things to consider is on what pages announcements and posts are posted ie members pages or news pages.

Questions were asked as to whether we can monitor hits on website, is our website still linked to Saltash Town Council website. Angie will enquire.

Action Point 7: Angie to enquire of Cameron how to monitor hits on website and use of Mike Corbers video.

Action Point 8: Angie to check to see if our website is visible on Saltash Town Council website.

Membership

We currently have 250 members

Secretary

Nothing

Publicity

There is now a new radio station being operated out of Saltash Baptist Church "Gateway Radio" in the absence of Mel, Jeanne will investigate.

Action Point 9: Jeanne to investigate new radio station.

Speakers

No speaker for February , Mike Corber has kindly offered to do a slide show.

AOB

Any possibility of changing our next monthly meeting from 4 March to 2 March.

Summary of Action Points

1. Amanda, Rachel and Roger to meet re Discover and Dine
2. Amanda and Rachel to put forward funding re Howton Solar Farm Fund
3. Amanda and Rachel to put forward funding re Carew Pole Charitable Trust.
4. Barry to contact Teresa Orchard re new members meeting
5. Amanda to contact Sarah re parking at SSC
6. Barry to book SSC up to July
7. Angie to enquire of Cameron re web hits and video use.
8. Angie to check if we are shown on Saltash Town Council website.
9. Jeanne to investigate new radio station.

Next Meeting - to be advised.

