

MINUTES of Saltash U3A Committee Meeting Wednesday 30 March 2022 at SHADO centre.

Present

Amanda Smith (Chair) ,Lesley Brunskill (Secretary) Rachel Linford (Minutes Secretary)
Roger Fursier (Groups Coordinator) ,Barry Olver(Treasurer), Mel Brunskill (Publicity Officer), Jeanne Milton, Angie Fisher(Webmaster),

1. **Apologies:** Gill Higgins , Rose Olver

1. **Minutes** of previous meeting 2 March 2022 agreed and signed.

Action Points from 4 February

1. Safeguarding Policy sent to Angie and now on website
2. Jeanne has made contact with Tim, awaiting his call.

Action Point 1: Jeanne to await call from Tim

3. Barry has been to SSC regarding outstanding invoices but still no joy.
4. Done
5. Dan Jones is a committee member, Barry has contacted him to find out who Chairman is.
6. Still awaiting more info, Sylvia Caldwell is new leader.
7. Ongoing
8. Done

Chair

1 Saltash Social Club versus Saltash Wesley Church

Saltash Wesley Church has now opened up completely but we have booked SSC up until July. The management of SSC seems very poor and the worry is that they will just turn around and say they don't want us. There are pros and cons for each venue .

Members have dropped since COVID but is it because of change of venue? SSC is certainly a cheaper option £30 to Wesley £94 but we benefit from refreshments at Wesley. At present Roger is able to borrow equipment to use at SSC but this is not guaranteed so we would have to purchase if staying at SSC. The one advantage at SSC is that a lot of members have commented on the more social seating arrangements. Possibly move boards at Wesley in small hall to enable tables to put in there.

A vote was held, Angie and Barry abstained but all others voted to return to Wesley from May.

Action Point 2: Barry to contact Jo at Wesley to book from May onwards

Action Point 3: Barry to cancel SSC from May and pay up to date

2. Showcase

Thanks to all who helped, members thought it was a better layout than Wesley. We had attendance of about 100 and 6 new members.

3. Discover and Dine

Amanda asked someone on latest trip to write a small report on the trip. She read out the report on successful trip to RAAM . Continues to be popular with next trip oversubscribed.

Correspondence

1. Community Care- seeds

Able Community Care are offering to send out packets of seeds to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Agreed that if members wanted some they could apply themselves.

Action Point 4 : Amanda to include in Chair Update.

2. Charitable Radio.

Offering an on-line seminar on promoting ways of increasing U3a publicity. We already have this in hand with Gateway Radio.

3. Charities Commission

Clarification we can not make any donation from U3a to any other charity especially with the Ukraine Appeal in the spotlight. Members can make their own donation personally.

Group Coordinator

Lots of interest at Showcase , especially Tai Chi . Denise Watkins Discovery Group back up and running.

Treasurer

Current Account : £9087.14

Social Account. : £663.80

External Funding Account: £3376.00

Reserve Account : £1000.00

Dee de Beaufort has found a tool box with unused CD discs if any Group Leader would like.

There is a surplus U3a laptop ,came from Mike Corber, it is all updated and upgraded with the current Norton Virus software. Barry will keep hold of it.

Webmaster

Website upgrade is ongoing. Owing to the unique structure of the Home Page, Angie will seek Cameron's advice on standardising the fonts. It appears that more technical coding is required to do this.

Agreed that Angie could use Beacon to contact membership asking for sponsorship for her upcoming Race for Life.

Membership

We currently have 260 members. 6 new members at Showcase

Secretary

Nothing

Publicity

Nothing

Speakers

All sorted until July. April meeting has David Orton in Community Slot. Ian Robinson is our speaker for April and will need Mike Corber's projector.

Action Point 5: Roger to contact Mike Corber to bring projector.

AOB

Amanda had contacted Football Club re GL social but no reply, she will try again.

Action Point 6: Amanda to try Football Club again.

There is now 2 Wine appreciation groups.

Summary of Action Points.

1. Jeanne to await call from Tim at Gateway Radio
2. Barry to contact Wesley and book from May onwards
3. Barry to cancel SSC and settle invoices
4. Amanda to include offer of seeds in Chairs Update
5. Roger to contact Mike Corber for projector
6. Amanda to contact Football Club

Next Meeting - Friday 6 May 2pm at SHADO Centre