

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

Present

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

Also in attendance 2 prospective committee members

1. **Apologies:** None
1. **Minutes** of previous meeting 2 September 2022 agreed and signed.

Action Points from 2 September

1. Done
2. Not done, see below under Chair re funding
3. Not yet done, C/F to next month

Action Point 1: Barry and Amanda to do CC Return

4. Done
5. Done
6. Lesley has sourced a wreath from RBL, all agreed we should purchase ready for Remembrance Day

Action Point 2: Lesley to purchase wreath

Chair

1 Cornish Glass Funding

Originally the £1000 funding was obtained to run a boat trip for the Queens Jubilee, events took over and this did not go ahead. All agreed that perhaps we could run this in the Spring or to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May 2023.

Action Point 3: Amanda to contact Community Funding to enquire whether we can defer until next year.

2. Trips

Amanda suggested that we have a generic form for members signing up for U3a trips, this would protect us from members cancelling when tickets already paid for, leaving the responsibility with the member to find someone else to take their place or forfeit their ticket money

Action Point 4: Amanda to devise generic form

3. Plymouth University

Jennifer Gegg has links with Plymouth University, they wish to forge links with our U3a.

Action Point 5: Amanda to contact Plymouth University via Jennifer to start the process.

4. **Membership**

It would appear that all U3A's are suffering from a drop in membership. Plymouth has dropped from 1000 pre COVID to 650 now up to 700. They have had to move venues due to cost. There is now a Social Prescriber at Community Kitchen for half day a week so this might promote new members. A possibility would be to piggy back onto the Councillors monthly meeting in Fore Street.

5. **New committee members**

Two prospective members were attending this meeting , Amanda will also mention at Showcase next week.

6. **All About**

Previously produced and printed by Gill and John Higgins, but unable to continue due to work commitments. We rely on Group Leaders providing articles to be published which can be difficult. Lesley suggested that perhaps committee members be responsible for publishing certain subjects ie Christmas Quiz. Barry has a contact within the printing sector. He will contact for printing prices.

Action Point 6: Barry to enquire re printing prices

Action Point 7: Amanda to contact GL's

Publicity

Half page advert in Cramleigh is £55.00 twice a year

We still have a lot of leaflets to distribute. Lesley will investigate having a stall in Co-op and Amanda will investigate Leisure Centre.

Action Point 8: Lesley to look into having stall in Co-op

Action Point 9: Amanda to investigate placing leaflets in Leisure Centre

Membership

212 members renewed, 69 not renewed, 26 new members. Some members are still receiving TAM when not requested. New Members meeting needed agreed January/February 2023.

Action Point 10: Angie to investigate via Beacon re TAM

Action Point 11: Rose to contact 69 members that haven't renewed.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer

Current Account : £9697.68

Social Account. : £835.70

External Funding Account: £3813.33

Reserve Account : £1000.00

Auditor due to retire so will need to find another.

Our total income is over £10,000 under £25,000 so will need to answer some Charity Commission questions.

Extra room booked for this month to cope with renewals and collection of membership cards.

Webmaster

Angie attending Beacon Training as System Administrator on 1 November.

Group Coordinator

Roger has received responses from 21 Group Leaders re requirements for boards and tables for Showcase. There will be a stand in the foyer for promotion of New groups. Jeanne will be running Beginners Spanish and other suggestions Walking Football, Doorstep Discovery.

Secretary

Nothing

Speakers

Possibility of two speakers for January and February, War Graves Commission and Medical Dogs. She has received letter from a Wildlife Photographer who would charge £100 and £150 for travel. All agreed too expensive. Gill advised that all speakers are now asking a lot more and also travel has increased due to fuel costs.

Summary of Action Points.

1. Barry and Amanda to do CC return
2. Lesley to purchase wreath
3. Amanda to contact Community Funding re deferring
4. Amanda to devise generic trip form
5. Amanda to contact Plymouth University
6. Barry to enquire re printing prices for All About
7. Amanda to contact GL's re All About
8. Lesley to look into having stall in Coop
9. Amanda to investigate putting leaflets in Leisure Centre
10. Angie to investigate via Beacon re TAM
11. Rose to contact members that haven't renewed.

Next Meeting - Friday 4 November at 2pm Shado Centre

