

Saltash u3a Committee Minutes May 5th 2023

Present: Amanda Smith (Chair), Gill Higgins (Vice Chair), Jennifer Gegg (Secretary), Barry Olver (Treasurer), Rose Olver (Membership), Marilyn Read (Speakers), Lesley Brunskill (Groups), Peter Payne-Hanlon (Shadow Treasurer), Sue Pym (Minutes).

Apologies: Jason Lamb

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, proposed, and seconded by Jill and Barry and signed by Amanda.

Action Points:

- (i) Job roles: Treasurer felt some of his current tasks would fit better under Secretary or Membership Sec roles. * ACTION: Barry.
- (ii) Jenny now receives information direct to her Beacon Link. Arrangements being made for Jason to receive her emails whilst she is away. To date, no further info re closer links with Plymouth u3a but there is an opportunity for those who did express an interest in the link to attend a 2hr tour of the Uni Cyber Security Site, limited to 15. * ACTION: Jenny to email these members.
- (iii) New laptop funding: application has been submitted.
- (iv) Safeguarding: burner phone purchased and already trialled at recent Garden Group trip.
- (v) Community Slot: Adrian White in July, bank manager still to be contacted. *ACTION: Amanda.
- (vi) Group Leader Insurance: Leaders have been informed.
- (vii) Sensitive issue: Dealt with. In future such matters to be dealt with as and when by member who raises concern in first instance.
- (viii) 40th Celebration: Questionnaire submitted.
- (ix) Beacon login: does not affect us.
- (x) Annual returns to Third Age Trust: submitted, confirmed this is the Membership Sec's responsibility.
- (xi) On-line workshops: advice is to apply promptly to avoid disappointment.
- (xii) WW11 memories: no further action.
- (xiii) Royal Connections Trip: organisation in hand, one or two enquiries since Amanda sent out her detailed email.
- (xiv) Reserve Account: now closed and confirmation received from Barclays bank.
- (xv) Doorstep Discovery Group: in hand *ACTION: Amanda when time permits.
- (xvi) Group Leaders' Social: Well attended.
- (xvii) Trip terms and Conditions: No further action required.
- (xviii) Web anomalies: to be carried forward. * ACTION: Jason.
- (xix) Cramleigh Advertisement: Half page submitted for June edition.
- (xx) Future barn dance: Several groups contacted but will not commit without a date and numbers. Cost in region of £500-£1K. At next meeting, members will be asked for a show of hands to ascertain interest. *ACTION: Gill
- (xxi) **Chair:**

Hopper Bus: 1. There is no back up bus available should there be a problem with the bus. **2.**

Communication issues continue. **3.** Group bookings- payment must now go through the Treasurer as Community Enterprise will only deal with one named individual. *ACTION: Lesley to speak to Group Leaders.

May meeting: Committee agreed to bake and decorate enough buns for all attending. Hat/crown making materials to be sourced from home where available. *ACTION: Amanda and Lesley to visit the Scrap Store. Only one Coronation photo from 1953 received for display.

Group Leaders' Social: The Committee offered its thanks to Lesley for her hard work in organising such a successful evening. Positive feedback received and the quiz certainly tested knowledge. Too much food provided once again by the caterer. Agreed to limit catering to 20 in future.

Secretary and Correspondence: **1.** The committee briefed on matters discussed at the Town Planning Meeting. **2.** We will receive an invite to submit one representative from Saltash u3a to attend the Third Age Trust AGM. **3.** SW Trustee election: Sue Parker is standing down and nominations are required from 8th May, result to be announced at the above AGM. **4.** Plymouth CC are holding a 'Past Coronations' exhibition at Ford Park Cemetery. *ACTION: Amanda to announce at May meeting. **5.** Jennifer suggested that speakers may find a pointer helpful. * ACTION: Barry to check if there already is one in the bag he retains.

Treasurer: **1.** Business Premium Account now opened, earns 0.9% interest. **2.** Three Third Age trust invoices paid. **3.** Current Account - £6847.31; Social Account - £3679.10; External Funding Account - £2507.32; Business Premium Account - £1000.00. **4.** Barry and Peter have held several meetings re transfer to Peter.

Group Co-ordinator: **1.** 20 names have been submitted for proposed new exercise Class. *ACTION: Lesley to further research availability of qualified instructor, venue and dates. **2.** There has been a request for a member's carer to attend meetings. *ACTION: Lesley to investigate the exact circumstances and needs of the member. **3.** Need for New member's Welcome pack discussed. **4.** Concern that groups currently offered do not encourage more men to join us. *ACTION: Amanda to raise this at the next meeting and seek suggestions from men present/Rose to provide breakdown of men v women in our u3a.

Webmaster: No report.

Membership: 5 new members joined last month, 1 sad loss. Total 287.

Speakers: **1.** Marilyn would appreciate feedback from members on speakers' performances. **2.** Sue Hooper MBE is May speaker, talk title - Rowena Cade and the Minnack Theatre.

AOB: **1.** Amanda to collect wireless equipment from Jason for next meeting. **2.** Jenny to update Sue's and Peter's details. **3.** The Ukulele Group requested funding of £80 for music stand covers with the u3a logo as they are now receiving requests to play at local venues and events. Advised that as in the past a formal request must be submitted to the Committee for consideration, but four committee members would be unable to vote as they have a vested interest. Possible option was to ask the venues to make a small donation to the u3a which collectively would eventually cover the cost. **4.** The Committee was made aware that a visitor from another u3a attended one of our recent meetings and as they did not make their presence known they did not receive our usual welcome having slipped past our Meeters and Greeters.

Next Meeting: Friday 2nd June 2023. 2pm Shado Centre.

Approved:

Date: