Saltash u3a Executive Committee Minutes 02.01.26

Meeting commenced: 1400

Present: Amanda Smith (Chair), Barry Olver (Secretary), Peter Payne-Hanlon (Treasurer), Chris Masterson (CM1/Shadow Treasurer), Rose Olver (Membership), Ray Williams (Speakers), Trevor Earl (CM4), Sue Matheron (Publicity), Lynn Parker (CM5), Sue Pym (Minutes).

Apologies: Rob Jenkins, Jason Lamb, Rosemary Nankervis.

Minutes: The minutes from 05.12.25 were accepted, proposed by Peter and seconded by Rose.

Chair: 1. Forum – None held in December. The key issues for Saltash u3a resulting from the November Forum, 'How useful is your website?' are: ensure location of your u3a is immediately apparent; presentation; target audience (both current membership and prospective new members); clear, concise wording; image (needs to be more eye-catching) and weekly updating where required (currently some information is out of date). *Action - Sue M and Jason will work together on the above and Mike Corber will find more interesting photographs. **2. Christmas Social** – considered a success. Amanda thanked those who helped with the quiz and catering. Of 132 free tickets issued 10 apologies were received and 20 others did not turn up. As expenditure was roughly £2.12 per head based on 132 attending, apologies aside, this had amounted to an unfortunate wastage which the issuing of tickets had been designed to limit. The Committee will now consider asking for a non-refundable fee in future years. Tickets will also be available in October and November.
3. Christmas Tree Festival – Once again the Saltash u3a tree looked splendid and Jean Buckingham and her team were thanked for their efforts. As 2026 is our 20th Anniversary Year it was suggested that the 'Stitch One, Chat Too' Group be asked if they would be able to make special commemorative decorations for the tree this year. *Action - Amanda.
4. 20th Anniversary 04.09.26 - It was agreed that rather than have a planning sub-committee the whole Committee would be involved in the organisation of this event. TAT have replied to Barry's invitation requesting further information. It looks likely that Ian Cassidy the CEO will attend and will give a brief presentation. Under considerations are: eye catching Group displays around the room; a loop photo sequence on the big screen; floral displays on each table provided by the Flower arranging Group which could be raffled off at the end of the afternoon; Ukulele group; a roving magician; Angela Rippon guest appearance. There will still be the usual September monthly meeting. **5. Committee Lunch date** – This was agreed for 1215 Monday 9th February at 'The Who'd have thought it Inn 'or 'The Rifle Volunteer'. **6. Monthly working diary** – Action points were agreed.

Secretary - Correspondence and Business: 1. Wesley rent – No information regarding the proposed price increases yet forthcoming since the December Church management meeting. **2. Plymouth University link** – Barry has a phone call with Iola Nelson the Public

Engagement Officer scheduled for Tuesday 6th January at 0930. **3. PAT testing** – 19 items were tested.

Treasurer:1. December expenditure – Payments totalling £1523.43 were made this month. **2. Accounts** – as of 01.01.26 the accounts stand at **Main Account** - £4309.93 which includes £608.43 ring fenced group funds; **Social Account** - £900.45; **External Funding Account** - £1238.57; **Business Premium Account** - £6109.37 which includes interest of £17.78 paid on 08.12.25.

Groups: 1. Car Sharing policy – Requested by Rob for discussion and in his absence, it was confirmed once again that TAT do not have such a policy. Where car sharing does occur, it is up to the driver to ensure that their private car insurance covers them for passengers. Individuals may offer a voluntary contribution towards fuel if they so wish but this is purely at their own discretion and is not mandatory as any such payment will invalidate the driver's insurance cover should a claim be made for whatever reason.

Webmaster: 1. Continuing issues – Jason has reported that there are still issues with failed messages.

Membership: 1. Current membership – There are now 278 members registered. No records are currently kept regarding reasons for non-renewal of membership. Discreet ways of doing this to be considered in future. *Action – The Membership team will investigate.

Speakers: 1. January – Jes Hirons a Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Ranger is not charging a fee and will bring her own laptop. She will explain the theory behind the park, why it is important and achievements to date. **2. February** – The speaker from 'The Story of Emily' the award-winning Cornish visitor attraction will donate two entrance tickets as raffle prizes. It was agreed that these should be offered as two separate prizes and not as a pair.

Publicity: No report.

Safeguarding: No report.

CM1: No report.

CM5: 1. Welcome policy – Lynn has been looking into what other u3as offer to make visitors and new members feel welcome. Various suggestions were discussed and those for immediate consideration are: Website improvement which is already under way; more 'Meeters and Greeters' at the monthly meetings including male members as currently only female; prompt replies to enquiries. **2. New members' coffee morning** - Date yet to be agreed.

AOB: None.

Meeting closed: 1602. **Next Meeting:** 06.02.26, 1400 Shado Centre.

Approved: **Date:**