

POCKLINGTON & DISTRICT U3A
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Tuesday 16th May , 2017 at 10.15 a.m.
at The Station Hotel, Pocklington

PRESENT:

President: Freda Snelson
Chair: Graham Ball

Treasurer: Paul Giles
Vice-Chair: Brian James
Secretary: Apologies received
Committee members: Eileen Ducker taking minutes, Pauline Carter,
David Bragg, Frank Challoner, Ian Smith, Elizabeth Walker,
Moira Laverack, Kay Stephenson

1. Welcome:

The newly elected Chairman, Graham Ball, welcomed members to the Committee Meeting.

2. Apologies for absence:

- These were noted for Graham Gillyon and Val Wosket.

3. Approval of the Minutes of meeting : 18th April 2017

Minutes were approved subject to the removal of brackets under Item 10, clarification of the hanging basket open meeting and typographical error under Item 12 AOB from “if” to “of” .

- Proposed: Pauline Carter
- Seconded: Elizabeth Walker
- Approved Minutes to be posted to new website as soon as amendments could be made.

4. Matters Arising:

- **Green Spaces:** Gerry Hutchinson will present to the committee at 11.30 a.m. The committee had no objection to Green Spaces forming a group of Pocklington and District u3a.
- **Audit of Assets:**
 - Treasurer reported that this would be carried forward to the next meeting.
 - Drop Ins – As there had been an issue regarding power points available it was agreed to talk to the secretary on his return and come to an amicable solution to the meet and greet, new members and membership secretary positions.

5. Groups:

- It was agreed to keep the link committee members for the groups and the role of co-ordinator to go to the Vice Chairman.
- The President suggested the u3a Resource Centre should be used for any groups who were in need of new ideas/material.
- Following the new members' meeting, Felicity Beaumont had suggested an informal Spanish Group and Board Game Group. Moira to contact in the first instance and circular would be sent out. Val Hetherington had volunteered a Social History Group and Elizabeth to contact and circular to be sent out via the usual means.

6. Treasurer's Update:

- £13,082 in the Bank compared to £13,756 in 2016. It was agreed that the statement of accounts be printed and put on the chairs at the AGM as suggested by Julian Tremayne and the Treasurer would convey this to him. The signatories on the accounts were Paul Giles, Graham Gillyon, Graham Ball, Pauline Carter and Steve Fraser. It was agreed that Steve be taken off the mandate. It was confirmed that the Travel Group were aware of the signatories.

7. Membership Secretary Update:

- Membership: 758
- A number of Group Leaders had not renewed and this was being chased.
- Expenditure of approximately £59 would be required to renew Microsoft Office.
- It was agreed that the members not renewing was due to natural wastage.
- Ian Smith thanked Moira for the geographical data of members
- The Membership Secretary reported that Cheltenham U3A had taken up the suggestion regarding the Card Machine

8. Secretary's Update:

- Meeting dates were approved by the Committee with the exception of the open meeting in November and this would be checked by the Secretary on his return. The Chairman gave his apologies for the 16th January Committee meeting but the Vice Chairman had agreed to step in.

9. AGM Outputs

- The accounts would be printed and put on the chairs as previously agreed.
- Audit of Assets to be carried forward
- IT skills – Pauline agreed to combine ipad and iphone tuition on a one to one basis.
- Group capacity was discussed and agreed more leaders needed
- Possible drama group would be sent out on circular and announced at the drop in subject to confirmation
- Singing for Pleasure Group requested a second pianist and the use of CDs was suggested.

10. Meetings:

- Drop-in session 01:06.17: GB, PG, ML, EW, DB, IS and ED to attend. The notices would be at 10.45, Margaret James to provide a notice "No refreshments after 11.30 a.m"
- Open Meeting 17.5.17: Eileen Ducker to lead – It is hoped one demonstration would host all members, EW, KS, FC, IS to attend.
- Open Meeting 7th June – GB, KS, PC? And FC to attend

11. Website Update:

Pauline Carter read out a report received from Brian Snelson who felt the new website was working well and had been well received. The old site had yet to be closed off and a workshop for Group Leaders to be organised. It was essential to maintain the integrity of the website and this would be an on going agenda item. The new webmasters were Chris Smith and Elizabeth Walker. It was agreed to keep an eye on any further financial liabilities.

12. AOB:

- Brian James reported his research on a new projector and recommended BENQ model MH741 at a price of £694 to include a carrying case. It was agreed that this be put to the Art Appreciation Group and carried forward to the next committee meeting.
- Green Spaces
 - The Chairman welcomed Gerry Hutchinson to the meeting. He proposed that Green Spaces join the u3A on 1st June. All members of Green Spaces would become members of Pocklington and District u3A in order to come under its insurance, money from Green Spaces would be transferred to u3A account and allocated for their use, their constitution would remain as is, health and safety leaflet would be given to all members joining the group, the website and facebook page would remain but include u3A logo and the name would be Friends of Green Spaces.
- On a separate issue, Gerry requested first refusal of the projector screen for the Scout Hut. This would be carried forward to the next meeting when the secretary returned.

- Ian Smith asked if a laminator had been purchased and this would be checked out on the Secretary's return
- Freda reported there were spaces on the Advanced Motorists Course on 11th June and the Chairman agreed to announce this at the next drop in.

13. Date of next Meeting:

- 20th June 2017.
 - Apologies noted for Pauline Carter and Paul Giles.

The meeting closed at 12.08 p.m.