

Balsall Common U3A Executive Committee Meeting

4.00p.m. 6th October 2016-10-13 Downton Room St Peter's Hall

Present R. Drake, M. Burleigh, M. Richards, P. Calver, A. Buckland, M. Dawson

1. Apologies J. Melville, L. Brinkworth

2 Minutes Secretary MB

3 Minutes of previous meeting on 4th August Approved

Matters arising

The 10th anniversary went well. Feedback was a mixture of very positive and not so good. The suggestion was made by some members (reported by MR) that an opportunity was missed for doing something with a large number of members present. The comment was made in the committee meeting that the purpose was simply to enjoy an afternoon celebratory tea.

The new members' coffee morning was a great success, although the venue was not good (layout). More coordinators would have been good. A repeat event was discussed, and at what point (after a certain time or after a certain number of new subscriptions) to hold it. Suggestion of not waiting too long (more frequent than once a year). ***PC to continue to advise of new member numbers.***

Village hall keys are mostly accounted for.

4 Correspondence

Letter from new Chief Executive, Sam Mauger

Helpful hints postcard for chairmen

Paper updates for Committee Reference File (updates and file now with MB)

Invitation to celebrate 1000 U3As in London 22 Nov 2016

5 Reports

a. Treasurer. Over £5000 in the no1 account. Surplus of £2000 in Societies (no2) account. Discussion regarding payment for village hall. Bills are still awaited (first quarter). RD is attending the Treasurers' workshop on 14th November.

b. Secretary. Correspondence received from:

Lin Jonas re her resignation

Shafim Kauser re NDP – representation on the committee from B.C.U3A may not now be needed

Anthony Randall re Treasurers' workshop agenda. U3A National Office General Mailing

Third Age Trust Governance Consultation Survey: See below for B.C. Committee members responses. ***JM to complete the survey online.***

A.Randall, forwarded from Frances Mann re Birmingham University's Bramall concert hall. ***PC to publicise.***

c. Speakers' secretary None

d. Publicity Officer

An article on the 10th Anniversary was placed in the Solihull News, and in the monthly Residents' Newsletter. An article will be sent for inclusion in the next Bugle in addition to the regular article.

e. Groups coordinator

MD would like to eliminate waiting lists. Discussion followed:

Coordinators should be asked to encourage members to start a second group in oversubscribed activities.

Aim to increase groups in view of the variety of interests of all recent new members.

Use the newsletter and have a brief presentation at a core meeting.

MD to contact coordinators. PC to advertise in newsletter.

6 Quiz night 18th November

Numbers per table discussed. 6 agreed. Steve Proctor will prep music quiz. MR to substitute for him on his team in the music round.

7 Members from other U3As

RD reported on a previous discussion: full member £10 less £3.50

Already member elsewhere and just joining interest group: don't have to join our U3A

Cluster members don't pay (always at discretion of convenors).

Local costs payable on the day due as for any group members.

Detailed wording to be confirmed.

8 Diversity statement

Committee members agreed not to produce a statement.

9 PAT testing

RD has read the Committee Reference File information and circulated printed advice in the meeting.

RD to produce a check chart.

10 Succession planning

Discussion re approaching new people to join the committee. Suggestion that the chairman speaks at core meetings re membership of the committee, to allow members to have time to consider volunteering.

11 Treasurers' workshop 11Nov

12 AOB

Virgin Media Network expansion plans. Discussion re allowing a representative to present at a core meeting. It was agreed not to invite a speaker.

The U3A's published Annual Accounts were passed to AB.

Meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.

B.C. Committee responses to Online Governance Survey questions

1 Online survey

2 Regional Trustee

3 Individual updates/newsletters

4 Members from other U3As take part in some groups via cluster – loosely. Exchange of information.

5 Appropriate to have national guidelines, but allow variations according to local circumstances

6 None