

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Matthew Stephens (MS), John Bolt (JB), Richard Drake (RD), Vivienne Waterer (WV), John Peat (JP), Sue Simpson (SS), Mike Fairbrother (MF), Judy Hornigold (JHo), Juliet Hancox (JHa) and David Thomas (DT)

1	MS welcomed members to the meeting including the three co-optees who were attending their first meeting It was noted that Ernie Taylor had resigned since the last meeting
2	Apology: Barbara Hammonds (BH)
3	Minutes of meeting on 3 February 2022 were read and accepted, and signed by the chair
4	There were no matters arising that were not otherwise on the agenda
5	The three co-optees – JHo, JHa and DT were formally welcomed onto the committee
6	Details for the AGM were agreed JB to circulate all the policy documents Information to be circulated by e-mail by Thursday 14 April and by Pony Express by 21 April. Action JB
7	MS, JB and BH met with the committee of Olton u3a on 16 March 2022. A note of the meeting has previously been circulated to committee members.
8	Potential new groups. • Badminton: This is currently being run as a private group. Discussion whether the u3a should take it under its remit. Action. JB to contact Ernie Taylor inviting the group to become a u3a activity. • Walking netball and folk music, no progress
9	Social events. Dance. It was agreed that this event should be taken forward. Date, Saturday 24 September 2022 at St Peter's Hall. This is during u3a week (17 – 25 September). Music by Prime Numbers who play 50's and 60's cover versions. A sub-committee was set up to organise the event, MS, JHo, BH and DT. Action: MS to check whether there was potential clash with a Lions event on 24 September. Quiz. Judy Moffat has informed the committee that she is unable to run the next quiz. It was agreed that any quiz would not take place before the spring of 2023.
10	Reports (a) Chair: Attended Regional Chair's chat with Allan Walmsley, progressed Jubilee Festival voluntary stewarding/security arrangements with Festival Committee and attended Solihull Cluster u3a meeting. ○ Met with groups: Ramblers and Shorter Walks (led the latter and both well supported), Walking Football sessions (sometimes struggling for

	numbers), History (introduced and presented subject for discussion) and Beer & Cider. ○ Arranged a jointly Chaired meeting with Olton & District u3a - and subsequently distributed meeting notes. Introduced New Members Coffee Morning. ○ Attended u3a Regional "Day of Inspiring Lives". ○ Met with Social Prescriber allocated to "Solihull Rural" (including Balsall Common). ○ Attended u3a awareness session on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. (b) Treasurer: Report was previously received. ○ Main points ○ Main (No 1 Account) has a balance of £6,731.03. This includes £1,325 compensation received from The Co-operative bank ○ Groups (No 2 Account) £1,242.17 attributable to groups and £500 in reserve ○ The accounts were reviewed and approved by the Trustees. ○ Draft year end finance reports are now with Alan Buckland for review ○ Renewals 302 members renewed ○ Beacon. Report received. RD, JP and Peter Calver will continue to act as System Administrators. Priorities: Outstanding training to be completed, finding new System Administrators. (c) Secretary: ○ Constitution: we have been advised that we should change the quorum for a committee meeting from one-half to two-thirds. Agreed this should be recommended to the AGM. Action: JB to prepare a proposal for the AGM ○ Annual return. JB will submit the return by the end of April. ○ Gifts for retiring trustees. MS and JB to purchase gifts to be presented at AGM. A budget of £60 was discussed. (d) Membership secretary: currently 332 members, including 8 guests and one honorary (e) Speakers' secretary: all speakers are booked for 2022. (f) Groups' liaison officer: no report (g) Publicity officer: no report
11	Correspondence: read and noted
12	Other business: • Roles in new committee. Several members expressed their interest in roles that will become vacant. Roles to be decided at first meeting of new committee on 12 May • Social prescribing: MS to see Jane Bonehill from Citizen's Advice. MS needs leaflets Jane will speak at the next Solihull Cluster meeting/

	• Jubilee festival: We have 20 volunteers for the event on 3 June. Need publicity material. Action: MS to see information on TAT website • New programme of event for publicity material • VW: request that trustees arrive early to set up room at core meetings, and help clear up afterwards • RD: offered to update Charity Commission records. Needs someone to take over. • RD: DT to become a signatory for the bank account • Peter Calver wishes to stand down as web-master. It is understood that Robert Zhilmor will take over the role. It has also been mentioned that Robert Zhilmor is interested in becoming editor of the Sentinel.
	Date of next meeting: 12 May 2022

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