

Minutes

Dukeries U3A Committee Meeting

9th September 2024

Apologies

Paul Webb

Present

Barbara Baglee, Chair

James Bartlett

Leslye Henstock

Ann Street

Mike Mounsey

Jane Young

John Harris

Maria Baranauskas

Wendy Neighbour

Chris Neighbour

Julie Arnold

Minutes

Sue Cook

Acting Chair

Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies noted.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Maria and seconded by John.

Matters arising

Carers and companions will be insured for u3a meetings and events. Their names must be given to the leader prior to the event they are attending.

The Ambleside locker to be left as it is. Once the key number on the large cupboard has been noted, it can then be scratched of.

The position of acting chair was discussed. Wendy agreed to be named as acting deputy chair. Proposed by Ann, seconded by Mike, agreed unanimously.

Julie Arnold co-opted onto the committee. Proposed by Chris and seconded by Jane.

Barbara mentioned there are several conferences and meetings coming up:

Notts Network 21st Sept 3 attending. Leslye will report

Third Age Trust AGM Zoom on meeting 28th Oct. James is attending.

North Notts Network Group meeting which Barbara and James will attend.

Barbara stated that she will be stepping down as Acting Chair and as a trustee in May, due to personal circumstances.

The committee thanked Barbara for standing in as Acting Chair.

Business secretary

James asked that any issues relating to the effectiveness or improvement of the agenda should be freely raised with him.

The Disciplinary Procedure has been updated, has been adopted, and is now online

James now has full access as Primary Administrator on the Charity Commission Portal. He acknowledged the kindness and help that had been offered by Bary Callieu in finally handing over his administrative functions.

Fit for the Future has been a long consultation process between the board of the Third Age Trust and u3a groups across the country in an effort to reform the Trust's relevance and effectiveness. In essence, the board would be slimmed down and a new elected council would be formed to liaise with local and regional u3as. James will vote in favour of this proposal on behalf of Dukeries u3a.

It was suggested that other members of the committee shadow those already in office so that as their time serving comes to an end there is someone ready to take over the position.

Maria stated that is now in a position to undertake some responsibility and suggested that she shadow James. But Barbara cautioned that the Business Secretary probably has the busiest role and she and Maria should meet and discuss this.

Treasurer

Leslye reported that the accounts were looking healthy with the current account standing at £4668.18

The social account standing at £1631.33.

A request has been made for a refund on the Third Age Trust capitation fees, but this has not yet been received.

Barbara raised the issue of signatories. Leslye asked for this discussion to be postponed to another meeting.

MEMBERSHIP.

At present the membership stands at 127 full members, 5 associate and 1 honorary.

There is membership float which stands at £5.90.

Members joining between 1st Oct 2024 and 31st Jan 2025 will pay £12.00 As from March 2025 this membership fee will be £20.00.

The request for lottery funding is still ongoing as no response has been received.

SUPPORTED CHARITY

An email had been received from Pam Hardwick Charity Coordinator requesting an update of funds from the sale of the creative writing books. The committee was advised that Pam had been updated and will be advised again once the money has been paid in.

SEAKERS FOR MEMBERS MEETINGS

Ann reported that all speakers have been arrange.

She raised the issue of April's meeting falling on the Easter Monday. It was agreed that the meeting be moved to the 28th of April, providing the hall is free for that date. Leslye would check.

GROUPS

A suggestion was made that the chair held a coffee morning 30th Oct between 10-12 at Ambleside for all the group leaders. Leslye said she would try to do invites.

James has set up a new group Open Play Reading which will be held at Ambleside on SECOND AND the last Wednesday of the month at 1400.

James will book the Ambleside venue again this year for all meeting times required.

There are 18 groups in total and it was decided that members of the committee do an annual visit to see how things are progressing. (This was discussed but not decided.)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Chris has requested a list of all groups so that it can be crossed referenced. Risk assessment from groups done and each trip will require an assessment be completed.

NEWS LETTER AND WEBSITE.

John stated that the website was in its final stage and Ann has already been signed up. Paul will be signed up once he returns from holiday.

It was agreed that John will write the forward for the October newsletter and Mike will do the November issue.

The Christmas issue would be done by Barbara.

Ann thanked John for the amount of work that had been carried out on the website which in time will be introduced to the groups.

EVENTS.

Lesley updated the committee on both recent and planned events.

The walking tour of Newark was deemed a success and the car sharing also worked.

Feed back on the garden party was positive and everyone enjoyed the day.

The Southwell free concert was very enjoyable and a good social event.

The Halloween party at Clipstone Welfare on 25th October still has tickets available. At last count there were 20.

There were 3 tickets available for the Black Country Museum 24th October.

The Quiz night has been arranged at a cost of £9 which will include food. Teams of 4. Barbara will be quiz master.

Christmas event ON 16th December has been arranged, and this will have food by outside caterers.

The Christmas tree will again be in Edwinstowe church.

The Edwinstowe Christmas Fayre will take place 28th November and U3A will be having a stall there.

The popular beetle drive will possibly take place 22Feb 2025.

A few possible events have been suggested for next year.

RHS Flower Show.

Bomber Command in Lincolnshire.

Trip to Trent Bridge.

Visit to Barnsdale Gardens

CHAIRS SUMMARY

Next Members' Meeting 16th September at 1.00 pm

Next Committee meeting Monday 14th October at 1.00 pm

Barbara thanked everyone for their time in attending the meeting.