

Hornsea & District u3a
Tuesday 28th February 2023, 10am
at 23 Tranmere Park, Hornsea

Present: Jane Hardman – Chair, Hazel Adamson – Vice-Chair, Joint Groups Co-ordinator and Joint Speaker Seeker, Kath Connor – Treasurer, Sue Gray – Secretary, Paule Senior – Membership Secretary, Barbara Cowan – Welfare Officer, Brian Clarvis – Joint Speaker Seeker, Keith Tucker – Joint Groups Co-ordinator, Adam Wilkinson – Publicity Officer, Ken Hooper – Co-opted Committee Member and Communications Officer, Sheila Ellis – Prospective Membership Secretary

Jane welcomed Sheila who is prepared to join the committee and take over as Membership Secretary from Paule who is standing down after the April monthly meeting. We all introduced ourselves.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday January 24th

The minutes were approved and will be signed, filed and added to the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

7b) Kath is not happy that members will pay £15 subs in November.

Jane asked that this could be discussed later.

8a) Keith had researched possible venues for a Group Contacts Meeting and handed round copies of his findings. After much discussion Wednesday 26th April at the ex-servicemen's club 10 – 12 was agreed.

Action: Keith will book the above and find out about food we can take. Hazel will email group contacts with date.

- 15) Brian hopes to try out an over the head hearing aid at the monthly meeting. There was discussion on technical aspects of the sound system in the Floral Hall. Barbara has heard that loop systems are outdated. We really need to speak to an expert.

4. Chair's Report

- Jane has used the new u3a logo on her page in the Community News.
- The new coffee morning is proving a success with 8 members attending each Wednesday so far.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Our bank balance is healthy.
- Sheila asked Kath how she should deal with cash taken from members for the Sewing Group hall rental and other expenses. All money should go through Kath. The hall manager should send an invoice to Kath who will collect the money from Sheila and settle the invoice.

6. Secretary's Report

- YAHR – Communication's Workshop – 17th March. No-one is able to attend.
- YAHR Music Festival on 13th June mentioned.
- Summer School at Hawkhill's Centre, Easingwold has limited places available. Day attendance still possible.

- Q&A with Head of Member services for TAT. Zoom recording now available.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

- Discussion on whether we should produce a monthly news sheet. It was suggested that after April Jane and Hazel could compile a sheet to go to Group Contacts. Adam thought that a monthly sheet to all members might be preferable.
- The membership cards template has been sent to Paule ready for April.
- Paule has transferred membership equipment to Sheila.
- TAT want to hold a Zoom meeting on how Third Age Matters is going. We have 26 members taking the magazine.

Action: Sue will change membership secretary details with TAT.

Action: Committee members will give out membership forms to their groups when the new version is ready.

- Paule asked when the earliest payments could be made for membership renewal. Kath said March.

8. Group Co-ordinator's Report

- Pearl is starting a second lunch group.
- Sue mentioned that she had heard of a new member who had been told that a group she wished to join was full. If this is true then it is against the ethos of the u3a. Groups should be split if possible or new groups started.

Action: Hazel will prepare a pack of information for new group contacts.

9. Communications Officer's Report

- Ken is working on a new membership form and a form that can be filled in and sent online.
- Sheila should have a membership secretary email address.

Action: Jane suggested Ken, Kath and Sheila could get together and finalise the detail of the revised membership form, so it would be ready for the next meeting.

Action: Ken to add coffee club details to the website and rolling screen.

10. Speaker Seeker's Report

- Hazel thanked Sue for passing on details of speakers from Accord u3a's.
- Adam asked whether any of our members have offered to give talks. Not yet was the reply.
- Hazel floated the idea of asking a local school to provide some Christmas carols etc. Discussion followed and it was agreed that she would approach the local Secondary School.

Action: Hazel will approach the local secondary school about the possibility of Christmas entertainment for us.

11. Welfare Officer's Report

There was nothing to report.

12. Publicity Officer's Report

- Adam had met with the Publicity Officer from Beverley u3a and

exchanged ideas.

- We should use our Face Book page more and post entries on the pages of villages in the area.

Action: Adam will look after our Face Book pages.

Action: Jane will send Adam a list of the villages we cover.

Brian left the meeting

- Suggestions for places we could advertise ourselves – Radio Humberside?
- Do we have a publicity leaflet? Ken had produced an A5 flyer for the Open Day which could be used.

13. Preparations for March monthly meeting

Speaker – nothing specific

Signing in – Sue & Ted

Meet & Greet – Elaine, Pat & Barbara

Membership - Paule, Sheila and Kath

Group tables – Hazel & Keith

Refreshments – Sue M & Sarah

Vote of thanks – Hazel

14. Any other business

- Kath asked whether we could start charging visitors to the monthly meetings £3 with a refund if they join u3a.

Action: It was agreed that we would charge visitors £3 with a refund if they join u3a.

- Sue said she liked the speaker being on the stage at the last meeting. Jane said that this was specially arranged for a production that needed a large stage area. It was unlikely we could have this for our meetings, as the stage in the normal position does not have room for the screen and a lectern.
- Discussion on how we will organise the April subscription renewal meeting.
 - a) Jane will tell members how to renew their membership.
 - b) Hazel will organise a ukulele band to play as background music while renewals being collected.
- Display Board – Sue will talk to Adam about taking this over at the March meeting.
- Possibility of having a raffle. at each monthly meeting was discussed, but not finalised.

15. Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th March, 10am at Jane's home

The meeting ended at 12.10am

