

Hornsea & District u3a

Tuesday 24th January 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, Ken Hooper – Co-opted Committee member and Communications Officer, Keith Tucker – Joint Groups Co-ordinator, Adam Wilkinson – Committee member

1. Apologies: Brian Clarvis, Ros Grewer – has sent her resignation from the committee to Jane

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 29th November

3. 5 3) The last part of the final sentence should be removed.

The minutes were then approved and will be signed, filed and an e copy added to the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

4.c) Jane has spoken to Floral Hall staff who have told her that the hearing loop in the hall only extends to the first few rows of seating. We did reserve a seat for the member with hearing difficulty but it wasn't taken up.

7.c) Ken reported that a membership form which could be filled in online is "work in progress".

4. Chair's Report

a) The speaker was good and so was the attendance of 74 at the January monthly meeting. Keith thought the laser pointer was not very clear. There was discussion around the technical set up for the speaker and the use of microphones particularly for hard of hearing members.

Action: Ken, Brian and Richard will become our technical team and plan to meet up soon.

b) Members thought that the choir's programme at the Christmas monthly meeting wasn't Christmassy enough. Sue thought that the stage should be lit as the choir couldn't be seen very well. Floral Hall staff should be asked to do this next Christmas.

c) Barbara had organised mince pies for the Christmas meeting. Hazel suggested asking the Floral Hall café to supply them next time.

d) The social event at the Bowls Club had been good. Only complaint was that the two talented musicians were not able to play for longer. Discussion on how the raffle might be better organised. Jane has a few photographs of the event to go with her regular u3a feature in the Community Newspaper.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a) Our bank balance is healthy. £145 was raised from the raffle.
- b) Kath has applied for Gift Aid twice and is waiting for a response.

6. Secretary's Report

Sue mentioned that our local network of u3a's is to be known as The East Yorkshire Accord in future. The Policy/Protocol sets out rules whereby members of The East Yorkshire Accord u3a's can join interest groups in u3a's that are not their own. This can be viewed on the "Links and Documents" page of our u3a website and the notice board at monthly meetings.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

- a) We have 230 members.
- b) Discussion about the amount of subscription that should be paid from January to March before the subscription renewal date in April. It had been suggested that this should be £10, but Paule is unhappy about this. Adding the three months to the £15 membership fee collected in April would give a new member 15 months for the price of 12. A vote was taken – with 4 in favour of paying £10 for Jan – Mar, and 5 for giving 15 months for £15. 15 months for £15 was the result.
- c) Paule doesn't want to issue new membership cards for this year. She would prefer to only issue cards to new members.

Action: Ken to change the year on the cards template.

8. Group Co-ordinator's Report

- a) We should have a Group Contact's meeting.

Action: Hazel asked Keith to arrange this for March.

- b) Adam asked Hazel to explain what the meeting was about. Also whether we have guidance for new group contacts.
- c) Sue showed Hazel the Group Leaders handbook printed from the TAT website.

Action: Hazel will let Sue know if she would like copies printing for our Group Contacts.

- d) An afternoon tea was suggested as a reward for Group Contacts.
- e) Keith pointed out that a list of local venues with prices would be useful.

9. Communications Officer's Report

- a) Ken has had the speaker leaflets for 2023 printed and they are ready for distribution.
- b) Sue is helping Ken with the website by keeping the group pages up to date.

10. Events and Outings

- a) Barbara, Paule and Adam are making a plan for this year's outings – suggestions so far are:
Ikea at Sheffield, Beverley walk with Paul Schofield, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bomber Command.

11. Speaker Seekers Report

- a) Jane passed on that Brian has a couple of possible speakers for 2024 – someone who led an Antarctic expedition and someone who writes articles for BBC History magazine.
- b) For 2024 Hazel has booked a lady who speaks about afternoon tea, and dresses in Edwardian costume.
- c) Kath suggested that we might allow guests to come to monthly meetings and charge £3.

12. Welfare Officer's Report

- a) Barbara has sent two sympathy cards.
- b) She has also sent a supporting letter to the Immigration Board on behalf of a member.

13. Preparations for February monthly meeting

Speaker needs and technical requirements – Ken and co.

Signing in – Sue & Ted

Meet & Greet – Elaine and Pat (new lady)

Membership – Paule & Tony (Treasurer to sit nearby)

Group Tables – Hazel & Keith

Events & Outings – Barbara

Refreshments – Sue M, Janet and friend

Vote of thanks - Adam

Extra Topics for Discussion

14. Carer's Policy

- a) Jane read out the Carer's Policy which is on the Links and Documents page of the website. Ken mentioned that it is on the Theatre web page too. Everyone agreed with the content.

Action: Ken will make a link from the Theatre page to the Links and Documents page of the website. He will add that the Policy was reviewed January 2023.

15. Provision for hard of hearing members.

Discussion on provision we have and what we might provide.

- The loop system in the Floral Hall only works in the first few rows.
- We have over the head microphones, but Hazel thinks lapel ones would be better and not cost much.
- Keith suggested we buy another speaker for the mezzanine.
- Barbara suggested we buy a more portable sound system which could be used by individual interest groups.

Action: Ken, Richard, Barbara and Adam to prepare a proposal for a grant application for a portable sound system to the Dogger Bank Windfarm Co.

- Brian who was not in the meeting has done some research on aids for the hard of hearing. He would like to try out an over the head aid at the next monthly meeting with the particular member we are trying to help.

Action: Sue will contact the member and suggest she comes to the February monthly meeting.

- Kath commented that some u3a's have an Accessibility Officer.

16. Outings and Events

- a) Jane pointed out that members cannot be paid from u3a funds.
- b) Discussion on whether members other than committee members can take charge on outings. This is about confidentiality of member's contact details. Adam suggested that there could be a disclaimer on the membership form to say that members who were not committee members or group contacts may occasionally collect members contact details on outings.

17. u3a Health Check

This is a 10 question plan devised by TAT to be used by u3a's as a self - assessment to monitor the health of their own u3a. It can be found on the TAT website.

We were able to answer most of the question positively for our u3a.

Whether at least 90% of members renew their membership after their first year will be worked out after membership renewal.

18. Publicity and Recruitment

Adam had taken part in a TAT webinar on 20th January 2023 on u3a Growth Matters.

He had prepared notes under three headings which he passed round to everyone.

Adam briefly went through every point with the committee. Decisions taken were:

Recruitment

- **Action: Each committee member will make a poster advertising our u3a, some to go where u3a meets eg Lucien's, Hollis room.**

Sue commented that we should use the new u3a brand design and colours if possible.

- Old copies of Third Age Matters to go in Hub library, Surgery, Dentists, caravan parks, village venues.

Welcome and Retention

- **Action: Paule - Change Membership Form to ask how new member found out about u3a.**

Group Leaders

- **A "get together" such as afternoon tea/lunch as a thank you xshould be arranged. (Hazel suggested this earlier in the meeting).**

The many other points will be discussed at future committee meetings

19. Any other business

There was none.

20. Next meeting – Tuesday 28th February, 10.00am at Jane's

