

Hornsea & District u3a Committee Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2024, 10am at 44 Tansley Lane, Hornsea

Present: Jane Hardman (Chair), Hazel Adamson (Vice – Chair and Speaker Seeker), Adam Wilkinson (Secretary and Publicity Officer), Sheila Ellis (Membership), Barbara Cowan (Welfare and Safeguarding Officer), Rosemarie Bishop (Group Co-ordinator), Paddy Thompson (Committee Member),

1/ Apologies- Malcolm Way; Kath Conner.

2/ Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2024: as read and will be signed later and uploaded onto the website.

3/ Matters arising from the minutes: Awareness of copyright has been sent to all Group Leaders.

4/Chair's Report: Jane received an email from Hornsea Banking Hub. A representative would like to speak to u3a members about the benefits of the Hub. She is willing to be available at the July meeting 10-10.30am if possible c/w leaflets.

Jane attended a meeting of YHR which has 50no u3a's from small - large. They are looking to increase the overall number of u3a members from 400,000 to 500,000. However there are the same issues of volunteers; groups fail or do not begin because of it. We didn't agree with targeting a number, rather encouraging increased numbers through what we do. Ie: attending regional activities; newspaper articles; word of mouth; leaflets; good speakers; good website and Facebook. And awareness there is no age limit to joining.

Friends Extra - money off vouchers

YHR have grants available for equipment from £50 - £250. Groups can raise their own funds.

YHR speaker register is available online

Risk assessment is complete.

TAT (Third Age Trust) are appointing a new chairman. Jane attended a Zoom meeting on Monday 23rd June'24. There were 3 candidates: **John Dollymore**, who appeared negative. **Lawrence Swale** - a good speaker, good presentation and acknowledged that all u3a's were different and wants to raise the profile of u3a. His attitude was not one of controlling, rather that of facilitating. **Alan Walmsley** currently Vice Chair of the board. He appeared very self important, but a good speaker.

As a u3a we have one vote. Jane recommended Lawrence Swale and all agreed.

In future any change of Chair within TAT, the membership of Hornsea & District u3a will be made aware so they can give their opinion prior to any decision.

Community News article has been sent for print.

5/ Treasurer's Report: Kath away

6/ Secretary's Report: Hornsea Community Primary School asked for volunteers to assist children with their reading. Several people have signed up.

Correspondence from Skirlaugh Church, they are holding a 3 day flower festival at the end of June.

Adam is meeting with Sheila, Barbara, Jane regarding contingency plans being put into place if someone is not available through illness etc (ie chair, etc)

Grants are being put together. Rosemary is looking at the Lions grants scheme. Sheila, the aggregates grant for new laptops (4?) In what way do we share information amongst the committee. Ie upload to the cloud. Present laptops do not support this.

Action: Adam will talk to Ken and Sue.

7/ Membership Secretary's Report: We have 202 members: 19 new, but 70 have not renewed. She will meet with Jane to discuss contacting them.

Present fees are: April - July £15; August to November £10; December to March £5.

U3a labels should be put on all equipment, so that families know what belongs to whom.

8/ Group Co-ordinator's Report: Information has been sent to all Group Leaders regarding copyright and GL images in literature sent out.

They have been informed of the Friends extra vouchers.

Rosemary has asked all leaders to read and update their information as appropriate. This can then be displayed on the table; rolling screen and website and advise potential members.

Group Leaders were asked to notice if any of their members hadn't renewed their membership.

Grants: Groups have been asked what they might need. Canasta would like cards & stands; Mahjong a new set; Craft: card/ glue/ decorations. Possible help with transport on any group trips etc.

The Lions Grant asks what the ethos/ benefit of u3a is: *"a range of interesting groups for people in Hornsea & surrounding villages, provide new opportunities to meet people, offer new skills, offer potential for retired or people new to the area. As at the end of March 2024, we had a membership of 248 - so a lot of people could benefit."*

What income from elsewhere? The monthly raffle (around £50); Town Council £100; Dogger Bank Wind Farm £400. U3a grant for the mobile speakers. Potential grant from Sandsfield Aggregates.

9/ Speaker Seekers Report: Speaker for July is confirmed as Richard Newman speaking on the Archeology of Hornsea. £100 + £15 travel

10/ Welfare and Safeguarding Officer's Report: Brian Clarvis has had a new knee, a card has been sent. Extra milk and biscuits have been supplied for refreshments by Floral Hall.

11/ Publicity Officers Report: Facebook updated.

We are registered with HOT.

u3a leaflets are in Floral Hall (please top up if you are there and it is emptying). Posters in and around Hornsea

12/ Preparations for July Meeting:

Setup for Speaker-

Signing in – Paddy

Meet & greet – Barbara & Elaine

Membership - Kath

Group tables – Rosemary & Sue

Refreshments – Barbara & Carol

Raffle - Hazel

Vote of thanks - Jane

13. Any other business: Adam has booked Hornsea Museum for Saturday 7th September'24, 1-4pm for u3a party. Fee £25

Adam would like to discuss the annual fee at a future meeting.

14/ Next meeting : 30th July'24 at Sheila's home. Barbara gave her apologies.

Meeting closed at 11.50am