

Hornsea& District u3a Committee Meeting

Tuesday 30th May 2023, 10am

at 44 Tansley Lane, Hornsea

Present: Jane Hardman – Chair, Hazel Adamson – Vice – Chair, Joint Groups Co-ordinator and Joint Speaker Seeker, Kath Connor – Treasurer, Sue Gray – Secretary, Sheila Ellis – Acting Membership Secretary, Barbara Cowan – Welfare and Volunteer Officer, Keith Tucker – Joint Groups Co-ordinator, Adam Wilkinson – Publicity Officer

1. Apologies: Brian Clarvis, Ken Hooper

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 25th April

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

9b) **Action: Ken to send an email to group contacts asking them to look at the rolling screen and check the content.**

9d) Adam has set up a WhatsApp group for committee members who wish to join. It is working well.

11d) £41 was raised from the raffle.

12a) Moving the display board next to the refreshments is working and more people were looking at it.

4. Chair's Report

a) Jane had prepared her piece for Community News.

Action: Jane to send it to Ken for the website and Adam for facebook.

- b) She has registered to vote twice on behalf of our u3a at the TAT AGM in October.
- c) Adam asked whether Jane will send another email newsletter to members, and if so would she suggest they have a look at our revitalised facebook page.

Action: Jane will send another email newsletter to members.

5. Treasurer's Report

a) *Membership subscription charge*

Kath suggested that we should charge according to the time of the year when people join –

April – July £15

Aug – Nov £10

Dec – Mar £5

This was discussed and voted on – everyone agreed.

Barbara suggested a notice should be made and displayed on the Membership table.

Action: Sue asked for the charges to go on the website.

- b) Gift Aid of £ 380.27 has been paid into our u3a account.

6. Secretary's Report

- a) Sue mentioned the “Interest Groups Online” available on the TAT website. There is a lot of choice for a charge of £12 a year. She suggested Jane might promote these at the monthly meeting and in her newsletter. Adam said that in addition there are a lot of online talks, and workshops available via Zoom free of charge for all members on the National u3a website.

- b) Slides from the Recruitment and Retention workshop held in May are available on the YAHR website. There is also a toolkit devised by u3a members which can be accessed by searching online for “u3a toolkit”.
- c) Adam asked for “recruitment” to be an agenda item for the next committee meeting.

7. Membership Secretary’s Report

- a) We now have 188 members. 83 paid cash, 53 by cheque and 6 by BACS. 17 members are taking Third Age Matters magazine.
- b) Jane would like to get together with Sheila and any other interested committee members to look at the members who have not renewed their membership. They may have good reasons.
- c) Sue and Jane asked for a membership list when all the renewals have been added.
- d) Barbara would like to know how many new members we are attracting.

8. Group Coordinators Report

- a) Hazel has asked group contacts what help they need which has resulted in more replies.
 - i) Jenny needs an email facility for the Wine Group.
Action: Jane will ask Ken to provide a spare u3a laptop.
 - ii) The Garden Group asked what the cut off number of members for the group should be. Discussion on this subject – someone else start another group? It depends on the venue. Kath suggested the subject should be discussed when we have a

Group Contacts meeting.

- b) Adam mentioned the possibility of group contacts doing a short piece at the beginning of monthly meetings. No decision reached.
- c) Pearl is finding it difficult to turn people away from the Lunch Group which has as many members as restaurants can cope with. Sue suggested putting a notice on the display board at the next monthly meeting to hopefully get names for a second lunch group.

Action: Sue will contact Pearl about this.

- d) Hazel has updated the groups tables layout and literature. She wondered whether the groups tables are in the best place.

Action: It was agreed to move the tables into the main hall to the left of the ramp. Jane will organise this.

9. Communications Officer's Report

Ken is away.

10. Speaker Seeker's Report

- a) Hazel has not yet had a reply to the email she sent to next week's speaker.
- b) She is considering a Barber Shop Group for the December meeting. Everyone thought this a great idea.

11. Welfare & Volunteer Officer's Report

- a) Cards have been sent from u3a and the Canasta group to a volunteer who has broken her leg.
- b) If no one volunteers on Tuesday to do the raffle, Hazel will do it.
- c) Sue suggested putting a list for potential volunteers on the

display board table.

12. Publicity Officers Report

- a) Adam has put a lot of information about national u3a learning events on our facebook page and advertised upcoming monthly meetings. He will put Jane's email newsletter on too.
- b) Barbara suggested he should put something to the effect of "Are you new to the area, about to retire? Have you looked at our website – www.hornseau3a.org". Also do we have a list of our groups on facebook?

13. Preparations for June Monthly Meeting

Sound System – Martin + helpers if necessary

Signing in – Sue & Ros

Meet & Greet – Barbara & Pat

Membership – Sheila

Group Tables – Keith, Hazel, Ted

Outings – Adam

Refreshments – Sarah & Eleanor

Vote of thanks - Jane

14. Any other business

- a) A long time member of our u3a has recently been very ill, has recovered and is taking part in "Race for Life ". She would like to talk to the membership at the next monthly meeting and collect contributions for the Charity(Cancer Research). This was discussed and it was suggested she could do this and have a

collection box by the exit. A vote was taken

(result 7 for,1 against), so it was agreed she could do this.

- b) Jane told us that she is stepping down from the Chair at the November AGM.

Hazel does not want to be Chair but is willing to stand in until we have a new Chair.

- c) Sue will be away for the next committee meeting, so Hazel said she would take the minutes

- d) Sue asked about the sound system grant. The grant we have obtained is from the Dogger Bank fund and is for two portable sound systems. These will be for use by our interest groups. Barbara said that the loop system in the Floral Hall only works for the first few rows and is becoming obsolete. She has spoken to our hard of hearing member and has recommended that she speak to the NHS about possibly having a personal loop system which can be connected to the speaker at a meeting.

- e) Hazel asked for a budget for speakers.

Action: Kath will look into this.

15. Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th June at Sheila's

The meeting ended at 11.50am

