

Hornsea & District u3a

Tuesday 29th November 2022, 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, Ross Grewer – Committee member, Adam Wilkinson – Committee member

1. Apologies: Ken Hooper

2. Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 25th October

10.3) Should read “Discussion on date for speaker in January 2024. The 9th was agreed.

12) Should read “Preparations for November meeting”.

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

4 b) Jane has declined Seaside FM’s offer to advertise our u3a.

c) Adam suggested committee members should stand up when being introduced at start of AGM so members can see who they are.

4 c.2) Brian will stay on as joint speaker seeker.

5 3) Hazel asked how much subscription a member who joined in December should pay. We had agreed £10 for January to March at last meeting. After discussion it was decided £10 on this occasion.

4. Chair’s Report

a) The November meeting with Paul Schofield as speaker had been very good with 104 attending.

b) Jane and Ted had attended the Church service for Remembrance Day and later laid

a wreath for our u3a. £74 of donations for this were collected at the November monthly meeting.

c) Jane has heard of a member suggesting that our u3a do not take hearing problems seriously. The Floral Hall have a hearing loop but it is only effective near the front. Jane does ask speakers to use the hand held microphone. Hazel suggested a clip on lapel microphone might be useful. Discussion followed.

Action: Jane will speak to the Floral Hall staff about this problem.

Action: Sue will contact the member and tell them we are looking into this.

5. Treasurer's Report

a) The second half of our "Do it for East Yorkshire Community Grant" has been paid – £895. Adam asked what the grant was, so Jane explained.

b) Kath has explored the possibility of having card payment machines for our u3a. This will not be possible at the moment as they require wifi to operate, which the Floral Hall does not have. Patchy wifi is available in the café.

c) Our bank balance is healthy.

6. Secretary's Report

a) TAT Trustee codes of conduct were given to new committee members, Adam and Ross.

b) A Charity Commission Trustee Eligibility form was handed round for all trustees to sign.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

a) We now have over 200 members.

b) An updated membership form had been put on the website.

c) Sue suggested having a form that could be filled in online as Pocklington u3a have.

Action: It was agreed to ask Ken if he could do this.

8. Group Co-ordinator's Report

- a) The new wine group is up and running.
- b) Christine is stepping down from being contact for the Gardening group. A small committee will discuss the way forward possibly by hiring a hall. Kath will attend to help with the money aspect.
- c) The Mahjong group has started again.
- d) Jane said that we could do to know when the different groups meet. Sue replied that there had been a chart on the website.

Action: Sue will ask Ken to reinstate the chart.

- e) Paule asked whether the Local History group could borrow our microphone for their meetings. Ross suggested a karaoke microphone could be useful.
- f) The Mahjong contact had bought a set of cards with her own money and would like another set. Kath said we could pay for two sets from u3a funds and they would be u3a property.

Adam asked how we dealt with the finances of individual groups.

Action: Hazel will look into TAT advice on finances of individual groups and general advice for Group Contacts.

9. Communications Officer's Report

Ken is away.

10. Events & Outings

- a) **Events** - Paule has booked Tuesday 17th January for our annual u3a social event. It will be at the Bowls Club, cost £16 and be a carvery. She distributed tickets to committee members. There will be a raffle – some prizes have been obtained. Floral Hall have donated 2 cinema club tickets. Adam asked whether the Bowls Club would give a voucher. Paule will look into this. A quiz has been prepared and music to be provided by Paule's sons is booked. Discussion on how much to pay them. Same as last year was agreed.

Action: Paule asked Hazel to obtain some raffle tickets.

Outings –

- a) There is one place for u3a to pay for from the York visit.
- b) An outing will be organised every two months. Suggestions so far are Lincoln, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Scarborough Fair and a guided walk round Beverley or Hull with Paul Schofield.
- c) It was suggested that members who take charge of the buses and carers should not have to pay for outings. This caused lively discussion and it was decided to make the subject an agenda item for the January meeting.
- e) Adam questioned the frequency of outings bearing in mind the cost.

11. Speaker Seekers Report

- a) Speakers have been organised for January to March 2023.
- b) The Petrichora choir will entertain at the December meeting.

12. Welfare Officer's Report

Barbara will not be at the monthly meeting.

- a) She has ordered 100 mince pies.

Action: Kath agreed to collect them on Monday 5th or the morning of 6th December.

Action: An extra tea table will be needed for the mince pies.

- b) Barbara gave Adam instructions for tea rota and sheet for volunteers for next year.

13. Preparations for December monthly meeting

Choir – place to stand in hall

Meet and Greet – Elaine

Sign in – Sue & Ted

Membership – Paule & Tony

Group Tables – Keith

Events and Outings – Ross

Refreshments – Adam & Sue M

Vote of thanks – Hazel

14. Any other business

a) Barbara passed around an article from a Hull paper about grants of up to £500 available from the Dogger Bank windfarm company. Could possibly be useful for equipment needed by our interest groups.

Brian suggested a grant could be used for better hearing equipment. We could buy a Bluetooth speaker for the back of the hall for instance.

Action: Brian will look into possible equipment which could help partially deaf members in the Floral Hall.

15. Next meeting –Tuesday 24th January

The meeting ended at 12 noon