

Carrick U3A

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE PERRANWELL CENTRE
9 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 10AM

Present: Richard Allen (Groups' Co-ord), John Bishop, Mark Breach (Vice Chair), Dave Crawshaw (Treasurer), Helen Ellis, Tony Herring (President), Margaret Ingles (Mem Sec), Jill Nicholls (Chair), Caroline Saunders Martin (Gen Sec), Mike Tapp, John Whomersley

Also attending: Chris Breach (Minutes)

1	Apologies: June Clouston	
2	Declaration of pecuniary and other interests: There were none.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting: These were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4	Matters arising: There were none.	
5	Chair's Report: JN reported that she had been elected as Regional Trustee on the NEC of U3A as of 1st September. This could involve a conflict of interest in a role which should be impartial. A lot of travelling is inevitable and clashes have already arisen. Therefore a replacement for her should be found as soon as possible.	
6	Treasurer's report: Balance of £32317.96 at 08 Sept 17 including £11000 in hand for venues etc. to December end of year. DC has to claim Gift Aid once all subs are in. The whist group is no longer part of the U3A therefore the bill presented will not be paid. The rock and roll group want permission to renew the contract on a WiFi dongle as the venue does not have WiFi. It was pointed out that other dance groups use CD players and CDs. It was agreed for this year but DC will contact the group leader to ask whether they would consider changing to CDs. MW still has the equipment list which needs to be passed to a committee member.	DC
	Post Meeting note: DC has agreed to do this.	DC
7	Membership Secretary's report: 8 new members have joined with some enquiries from would-be members. Of members who have not renewed some were long standing members who can no longer get to meetings and some were members who had joined part way through the year and decided U3A was not for them. The list stands at 107 on 3 Sept which is slightly below average going by past years.	

8	<p>Groups' Coordinator's report: Robin Waddling offered to take over 2 groups which TH had led and is now unable to through ill health.</p> <p>FEED: As Robin was running this group it will now close.</p> <p>Science: Roy Fisher and Phil Carson, maybe, are taking over science meetings but the day may have to be changed.</p> <p>Gardening: Gill Warden with help from Val Le Sage will run the garden group in the spring.</p> <p>Art History: Malcolm Clark is taking over the tech side and the group is getting together to run the group using TH's art DVDs.</p> <p>History: September and October meetings are sorted.</p> <p>Truro Meeting: September and October meetings are sorted.</p> <p>Traveller's Tales: Jon Skelton will help temporarily for 6 months but needs a projector and laptop and secure storage. JB offered to make the secure storage box if the Conservative Club agrees to its storage. Therefore the groups will continue at the Conservative Club subject to negotiation of yearly contract.</p> <p>Photography: Robyn Hall is standing down as leader in December. Photography is looking within the group for a new leader.</p> <p>Mahjong: This group would remain at the Church Hall permanently.</p>	JB
9	<p>Report on Speakers: HE has sorted some of the monthly meetings and some speakers.</p> <p>MT said someone needs to take over the tech side at the October and January meetings in Falmouth and the February meeting in Perranwell as he is unavailable. MB will cover the Falmouth October meeting.</p> <p>October meeting in Perranwell is booked by drama group so change of venue is needed and HE needs to be informed of result to inform speaker. HE needs more speakers. TH to send her some of his list.</p>	MB CSM TH
10	<p>Group Leaders' Guidelines update: RA has the information re guidelines as JC has not been able to work on it.</p>	MB,RA
11	<p>Group Leaders' attendance data: DC has still not had all data. November is the next deadline when we should have all the data. MI has a list of non-renewed members which can be passed to all group leaders.</p> <p>Group leaders will be told at the group leaders' meeting next Saturday.</p> <p>HE said there was a perception that certain groups are closed to more members. Only groups meeting in peoples' houses, who physically have no more space, can do this but have a waiting list. This needs to be talked about at the group leaders' meeting then info put in the newsletter.</p>	MI, RA JN, RA MB
12	<p>Group Leaders' day 16 September: JN and RA will be going on Tuesday at 10.30 to arrange details. Help is needed at 1pm on the day at the Barn.</p>	All
13	<p>Committee vacancy: A possible member has been identified and will be approached, but no urgency until AGM.</p>	
14	<p>Facebook: MB said Committee members have not put anything up as requested. Please will they do so.</p> <p>Newsletter needs to delete Robin Waddling's FEED group and whist.</p> <p>John Dearman needs to be contacted re leader of his group.</p>	All MB RA

15	<p>Grievances: JB reported on a group where a member was asked to leave. The matter is now closed.</p>	
16	<p>AOB:</p> <p>i. Replacement of equipment. It was suggested that the U3A buys 2 x laptops and a projector. One laptop would be dedicated to the Treasurer so that it can be handed on. One laptop and projector would be bought mainly for group use at the Conservative Club. TH said a projector would cost about £270 and a new laptop between £250 and £400. DC will investigate the costs.</p> <p>ii. MT said he had had a number of cancellations on his next trip and will make a loss but this will be compensated for by previous trips which made a profit. There had been an enquiry from John Guest (choir) re the amount of money in the events account for choir. DC will explain about not having “ring-fenced” money and ask what the choir intend to do with the money. Likewise the croquet group.</p> <p>iii. JN thinks we should do more research on local history.</p> <p>iv. DC is to take over West Cornwall Link Group from JN</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p>
17	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7 October 2017, Oak Tree Farm at 10 am</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.05pm</p>	