

Carrick U3A

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE PERRANWELL
CENTRE

12 AUGUST 2017 AT 10AM

Present: Richard Allen (Group Co-ord), John Bishop, Mark Breach (Vice Chair), June Clouston, Dave Crawshaw (Treasurer), Helen Ellis, Jill Nicholls (Chair), Caroline Saunders-Martin (Gen Sec), John Whomersley

Also attending: Chris Breach (Minutes)

	Action
<p>Jill welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <p>1 Apologies Received from Tony Herring, Margaret Ingles, Mike Tapp, Michael Wright.</p> <p>2 Declaration of pecuniary interests. No interests were declared.</p> <p>3 Minutes of the last meeting The minutes were agreed and signed.</p> <p>4 Matters arising The events account was again queried. JN said she believed that social accounts were not subject to Charity Commission scrutiny but the subject needs to be discussed at the Constitutional review.</p>	
<p>Group Leaders' Attendance forms, item 9: It was noted that members have not been informed of the decision to the change to 4 months for submission of registers. The treasurer has only received register forms from 14 groups so far. JC, JB, and RA will discuss producing guidelines for group leaders.</p>	<p>RA JC,JB,RA</p>
<p>Venue rental terms and agreement for use by group leaders and treasurer, item 10: Group Leaders need to be informed about the need for obtaining agreements from venues. There was general discussion about rental agreements.</p>	<p>RA</p>
<p>5 Chair's report JN told us that Tony's condition had deteriorated and he was in hospital but was pushing to be allowed home with a private care package. He had been worried about U3A equipment he still has at his home. JC had already agreed to collect it on Sunday.</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>JN informed the committee about a U3A member Peter Hoadley who had unfortunately died after being knocked down by a bus. The committee expressed their condolences.</p>	
<p>Churchill Retirement Homes had asked JN to go and talk to them about the U3A. Should enough of them join a free venue would be available.</p>	
<p>JN had also been involved in trying to revive Penzance U3A following it folding.</p>	
<p>JN and other committee members went to view a possible venue, the Barn near Gwennap Pit. It is clean, has heating, lighting, tea-making facilities, good car parking and some storage facilities. The owner is very happy to accommodate any U3A groups. JN is arranging the annual Group Leaders' Meeting at the Barn in September.</p>	

6 Treasurer's report. As at 11 August 2017

Current Acc £4755.68

Events Acc £3559.16

Monmouth BS £24165.85

Total £32480.69

DC reported that everything was in order. Membership was going up by about 100 a month. After receiving information from the groups, funding will be reconsidered but he said finances should be sound until the next AGM.

7 Membership Secretary's report MI reported that since the last committee meeting 11 new members have joined us. Of the membership of 1021 members it would appear that 147 still have to renew their membership. MI is going through the 147 as it could be that some of them have indeed paid. DC reported that this number has now gone down to 138. MI had received phone calls from others who explained why they have not renewed yet, e.g. waiting to go into hospital, away from home etc.

A list of members who have not renewed their subscriptions should be circulated to all group leaders. MI to produce this list and pass to RA and JC.

MI,RA,JC

8 Group Coordinator's Report. Dates for committee meetings have been booked for Sept, Nov and Dec but the Perranwell Centre is not available for October. JB to host the October meeting on 7 Oct at Oak Tree Farm.

The Family History Group is starting in September. Progress is to be flagged after 3 months.

RA

The new craft group is hoping to meet at Truro Community Centre free of charge.

A bill had been received from the whist group for a new venue but since the group had left the U3A the bill has not been paid. Should all the members of the group rejoin then they would need to get agreement from the committee as to venue and cost.

An offer has been received from Robin Waddling to take over 2 of Tony's groups, Gardens and Science but he wants to move the Science Group from the Conservative Club at Truro to Falmouth. The committee expressed their gratitude to Robin for offering to take over these 2 clubs.

DC noted that the Conservative Club is paid until December and we get a discount for several groups using the venue. At present, it hosts 52 meetings a year.

JN will take over the Truro monthly meetings from TH.

JN

JN will talk to the History and Art History groups to see if anyone is willing to take over the running, otherwise the groups will fold.

JN

John Dearman is giving up the leadership of the Philosophy Group 2 but it will continue at the same venue.

Travellers' Tales needs a new leader as the Franklins are giving up at the

end of the year.

Carpet Bowls is acquiring 2 trolleys for carrying carpets and the bill will be presented when received.

Venue Hire costs for previous Richard Lander Groups as requested at the last meeting.

Badminton	£24.50	3 courts	1 hour	weekly	Penryn
Short Tennis	£15.00	2 courts	1½ hours	weekly N/S	Penryn
Computer Group	£10.80		2 hours	weekly N/S	Perranwell
Table Tennis	£30.00 *		2 x 2 hours	Mon/Wed	Feock
Carpet Bowls	£15.00		2 hours	weekly	Carharrack
Line Dancing	£15.00		2 hours	weekly N/S	Feock

N/S not summer

*2 x sessions of 4 hours paid for, shared on Monday with yoga except summer.

Similarly for line dancing JB said only 2 hours is used from 6.30pm therefore 2 hours is available for use by another group. This could be put in the newsletter.

RA

JN is to send an email to all group leaders to ask for information on venue, frequency of hire, costs and numbers involved. RA will give contact details to JN

JN RA

9 General Secretary's Report. CSM had received details of the Third Age AGM, Report and Accounts and details of the Conference to which JN is going.

A message had been received from Robin Waddling that a letter from him had not been answered. JC will clarify what this is, as JN had thought the matter had been dealt with.

JC

Robin Waddling's new FEED group has now been approved.

Minutes to go on the website. Minute Secretary to send to the webmaster.

CB

10 Constitution. A sub-committee will review the Constitution

HE,DC,CSM

11 Truro Groups These are dealt with above.

12 New Short Tennis at Tremough This group was proposed by a member but nothing has been received.

13 Facebook The page is now up and running and has been well received with posts made but it needs more momentum. Committee members are asked to contribute topics.

All

JW now has access to the website as backup.

JC noted that there is quite a bit of information on the website which is out of date. Group leaders need to be told to contact the webmaster with up to date information.

RA

14 Christmas Meeting MB has received an email from Andy Rendell asking whether he is needed to run the Christmas Show at the December Perranwell meeting. The committee was very happy to say yes.

15 AOB JC's meeting for new members and group leaders was very well received. Some 20 group leaders turned up to talk to about 20 new members. CSM said it was very useful and inspirational. Many thanks go

<p>to JC from the committee. She is planning another one in October.</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>JC's open garden day was also very successful, with about 40 attending.</p>	
<p>HE circulated a speakers' report but it does have gaps in the New Year and she is asking for ideas; preferably interactive items.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>CSM suggested that if members have a report to give to the committee they should circulate to all committee by the Tuesday of the week before the meeting including a hard copy to JB.</p>	
<p>Casual vacancy. A letter has been received by JN from Michael Wright stating that he no longer feels able to remain a committee member so a new member will be sought. JN to check voting figures from records.</p>	<p>JN</p>
<p>16 Problems and Grievances. An issue was discussed which is recorded separately in confidential minutes.</p>	
<p>17 Date and Time of next meeting. The next Meeting will be at the Perranwell Centre at 10am on 9 September.</p>	
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.50pm</p>	