

Carrick U3A

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 4 November 2020 at Oak Tree Farm

Present: John Bishop, Jenny Fulleylove, Pat Harrod, Mervyn Knight, Lyn Chapman

1) Apologies: Gillian Davies, Liz Walden, Marion Tapp, Wendy Morris, Diane Tyas, Margaret Ingles, James Ellis

2) Minutes of meeting on 7 October and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed off by the Chairman

No further information from JE on public facilities due to current lockdown but he suggests the free Zoom be used.

A sum of £30 is to be transferred from the Tony Herring legacy account, which is ringfenced, at a later date.

3) AGM Update: No further developments, so no update possible.

4) Chairman's Report

It is agreed to pay Zoom costs for groups, but strictly only after it has been considered and approved beforehand by the Committee. The Committee, as U3A Trustees, are obliged to utilise funds as economically as possible. All groups need to consider this before committing the U3A to any expense. The U3A cannot be used as an umbrella organisation for Zoom purposes, but has to be booked by individuals.

5) Treasurer's Report

The Gift Aid for 2019 has now been received, in the sum of £2684.30 inclusive of interest. There have been few changes, but the General Account stands at £26,527.83 and the Tony Herring Account at £5,000.

The Capitation Fee has not been paid as the Treasurer has still not been sent the relevant forms by the Third Age Trust.

6) Secretary's Report

Nothing to report at present.

7) Membership Secretary's Report

Membership stands at 626. The recent ring round from Committee members did encourage more members to rejoin and pay, so was worth doing.

8) Group Co-ordinator's Report

PH to write to Helen Ellis and Geoff Burgess informing them of approval for paid Zoom for the Philosophy and Questions of the Day groups. PH also to write to Sue Corcoran giving approval to Zoom for the French group. He will also remind members of the procedure for expenditure, ie, obtaining Committee approval before committing U3A to expenses, by putting it into the Newsletter.

No new groups have started at the moment because of Covid restrictions.

9) Update on Use of the Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor and Online Groups

As it seems Perranwell Hall will be out of action for some time, Carpet Bowls and Line Dancing have transferred to the OS Pavilion but will be prevented from starting on 6 November as planned due to the lockdown, and the Hall will be closed till December. Both groups will start together when it is possible, to share hire charge.

The hall is attractive and may be useful for other groups, such as badminton, though the ceiling is lower than Perranwell. However the present booking is held for future use and it was suggested that we book other activities quickly after the lockdown as other organisations will also be looking for alternative venues. Other times free at the moment are Fridays am and Mondays am or pm. LC to check whether the U3A can use the tennis court adjacent to the Pavilion.

There is a checklist of Covid precautions which hirers will have to consult, such as wiping all surfaces touched after use. U3A is to have two keys. LC to check that she can hold a key for use in emergencies, as she lives nearby.

10) AOB

The meeting closed at 3.50pm. Next meeting will be on 9 December at 2pm at Oak Tree Farm.