

Burnley and District U3A

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Unity Centre Padiham May 9th 2017

1 Co-opting of members John Bridge – web /newsletter

Sonia Rawlinson – representative for new members

There were no objections , so both were co-opted

2 Present S.Limmer, M Bushby F Whittle A Wiseman P Ferguson B Hayman M Philp P Hartley M Jackson
S.Rawlinson E Gullick

Sheila welcomed Sonia and Eddie onto the committee

3 Apologies J Bridge

The minutes were accepted and signed off.

4 Minutes of the last meeting , these were accepted and signed off

5 Matters arising

Will be covered later in the meeting

6 Correspondence and Secretary's report

No correspondence has been received

Findings of the Working Group have been sent out.

Draft minutes of the AGM are available

Invoice for Third Age Matters given to MJ

There is an information sheet and booklet available for MOOCS

Capitation fees have been done and accepted.

7 Treasurers report.

1 At 30th April members for 2017/18 stood at 218 compared to 221 for the same date last year . 40 members from last year still have to renew.

2 at 30th April the Main bank account showed a balance of £9235.48 and the Social bank account held £514.90

3 outgoings from the last meeting are £945 capitation fee to the Third Age trust and £150 deposit to the caterers for the 10th anniversary celebration . From the Social account £275 was paid for the coach to the Harrogate Flower Show

4 Forthcoming expenses to include about £450 payable to the Third Age trust and costs associated with the Anniversary celebrations .

An approach has been made on behalf of the Local History group who are considering publishing work done by Margaret Jones , om distinguished Padiham residents . The group have raised a surplus of around £280 from previous sales of their work , so some of this fund should be available for the new publication .

5 Peter Hartley is to become a new signatory to the Burnley and District bank account at HSBC

There were no objections the suggestions in 4 &5

8 Group Coordinators Report

There is currently little to report

The science group leader needs to be replaced as B Milne has resigned

Group coordinators need to make sure they have renewed their membership and that all group members have paid their fees . A register with current membership numbers needs to be kept. A new one should be started at this time of year.

9 Publicity officers report

Nothing to report .

U3A bookmarks will be placed in the local libraries

10 Web Masters' report/ Newsletter

The website has been updated with amended information obtained from the newsletter. Little copy has been received from Group Leaders . Group Leaders need to be reminded to provide up to date information .

Information for the facebook page can be sent to John johnrbridge@gmail.com

Newsletter – the newsletter is now being printed on slightly heavier paper to enable automatic folding by the printer , there may be a minimum increase in cost to cover this . John will also investigate the cost for increasing the physical size of the newsletter to ½ A3 folded to enable increased font sizes and easier readability

It was suggested that a few copies of the newsletter could be enlarged on the day by use of the photocopier for the few visually impaired members .

Could group leaders be encouraged to provide interesting articles for inclusion in the newsletter

A question was asked in John's absence if the speaker and topic for the day of the meeting could be reintroduced to the newsletter

11 Speaker Secretary Report

Little to report

In relation to speaker costs , some speakers ask for a set amount , others ask for a donation to charity .It was suggested that if the speaker had a preferred charity this could be mentioned during the meeting and a bucket left at the back of the hall for anyone to make individual donations. Freda will provide a labelled bucket .

12 review of the AGM

The proceedings worked better with the Speaker at the end of the AGM although more emphasis on the 2pm start may be necessary . It was felt to be more inclusive and successful.

13 10th Anniversary

There are at this time 8 tickets still available .

The newsletter will include the fact that it is a ticket only event . this information will also be sent to the Burnley Express.

The crockery has been hired and at an extra cost of £15 will include washing up.

It was agreed to take left over food to the Women's Refuge

A reminder will go in the newsletter about parking , the top carpark to be left for Dignitaries and visitors .

A meeting of the sub committee was arranged for May 18th at 2pm for a final run through .

Peter will Compare the event and a running order has been made.

The Chair will open proceedings and Eunice will give a short overview of the history . Maureen Hartley will cut the cake if she is well enough to attend

14 proposed purchase of a computer for the Membership secretary and Treasurer

It was agreed to purchase a laptop for both the Treasurer and Membership Secretary .The cost would probably be in the £300-£400 region to include the requirements of both people.

Marjorie and Eddie will discuss this with John and Alan , Margaret will check out prices at Soft Price Hardware

15 AOB

There was no further business

Date Of Next Meeting

July 4th 21017 6pm Padiham Unitarian Chapel