

Burnley & district U3A

Minutes of the committee meeting held at the Unity Centre Nov 7th 2017

Present P Hartley ,A. Wiseman M Bushby ,M Philp, P Ferguson S Rawlinson
S.Limmer M. Jackson B Hayman

R Haythornthwaite F Whittle J Bridge

1 Apologies there were no apologies

2 Minutes of the last meeting these were accepted and signed off.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

4 Secretary's report and correspondence

An invitation has been received to take part in the "Celebration of Christmas Trees" at the Unitarian Chapel from 2nd -17th December.

Pat will do the tree and the one at St Peter's church

Received from the Trust:

Our CLA Licence for the year 2017-18

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5 Treasurer's report

1. At 31st October the number of members for 2017-2018 stood at 263 which is the same as for the same date last year.
2. At 24th October the main bank account showed a balance of £7,919.66 which represents a drop of 7% on the balance a year ago (£8,537.28). The social bank account held £897.90 at 24th October.
3. Outgoings to note from the main account since the last meeting are £225 for printing 50 more copies of the book on prominent Padiham people, £9 for printing the survey on possible new interest groups, and the regular costs each month of £60 for the hall hire at the Unitarian chapel and £21.20 for printing the newsletter.

From the social account £420 was paid for the coach for the visit to York on 20th September and £295 for the coach to St Helens on 17th October.

4. The book "Prominent Padiham People of the Past" has cost £475 for the printing of 100 books (50 at £5 each and 50 at £4.50 each). Molly Haines has overseen the process and so far has sold 59 copies bringing in receipts of £368.50. Twenty-four books have been left with The Weavers' Triangle and the Mooch cafe on sale or return; no receipts from these yet. Eleven books remain in hand.

6 Group Coordinator

1. Family History has been dropped from our catalogue

2. Below are the survey results updated to today 6th November.

There seems to be a fair amount of enthusiasm around but it is spread fairly thinly over a wide range.

As expected potential Group Leaders are a little sparse.

We have confirmed leaders for Current Affairs, Russian, and Picleball, although in the last two subjects they will be only leading themselves!

One gentleman wrote "not yet" for leadership of Natural History, so there could be hope there. He may be a newcomer and unsure of procedures, which may also be the case with other members. I need to check this out and then follow up with education and reassurance.

Ignoring the leadership problem for the moment some groups even with lowish numbers might be viable if cheap accommodation is found, although there is always non attendance and drop outage to be aware of.

Latest Survey Statistics

Total of members returning 42, including 3 with no name attached.

Suggestions 108

Subjects listed on the survey form in which interest was expressed:-

Art Appreciation 13

Antiques 6

Creative Writing 8

Beginners' Spanish 8

Table Tennis 8

Birds/Natural History 12

Flower Arranging 4

Italian 6

Current Affairs 5

Sociology 2

Wine Appreciation 8

Cycling 1

Gardening 10

Subjects not listed but suggested by members themselves:-

Board Games 3

French 2

Art/craft other than 1

Russian 1

Cinema 2

Pickleball ???? 1

Archery, Crossbow, Clay pigeon shooting, Ten pin bowling, Play acting, Willow and Reed basket making, Pottery – all suggested by the same single member

7 Publicity Officer's report

The Burnley express has been contacted over the last few months but no details have been published

The report on the celebration with photographs was sent in but again not published

Sheilagh will contact them as Chair

Pat has contacted Andrew Stephenson to say we will not be doing the Pensioner Fairs

8 Web Editor report

The web site continues to be updated regularly but some group leaders still do not send in information so their pages remain the same

There has not been a lot of input on social media , but we now have a Facebook and You tube site which include video of the hand bell ringing

The address of the venue needs to be put on the newsletter.

It was agreed to have a meeting for those interested in the new groups on Jan

9 Speaker Secretary

Nothing to report this month all the speakers are booked for the near future

10 Recruitment of membership secretary

Roger is interested in this position if he is given more training . He needs to be elected onto the committee . A special general meeting will be held at the October open meeting for this purpose , Sheilagh will announce this at the September open meeting

11 Cluster group meeting 11th Sept.

Sheilagh has done the report for the Burnley and District U3A . It is suggested that observers are invited to meetings to encourage people to join the committee

Gift Aid will be on the agenda

12 Recruitment of new committee members

We need to have this under consideration in plenty of time for the AGM. Personal approached to people who we think may be interested may be a better way, inviting them to observe a committee meeting . also encouraging more involvement through the groups .

13 Groups Questionnaire and proposed meeting

This was discussed in the group coordinators report

14 Protocol for collections at monthly meetings

The questions was asked if we regularly had collections for members who had passed away . This had happened with Margaret Jones , but was an exception as she had been a founder member . It was decided that this should be left to personal choice and not a collection at an open meeting , condolences would officially besent from the committee in future.

There was no other business

Date of next meeting

6pm Jan 9th Hameldon room Unity centre.

