

CHRISTCHURCH U3A COMMITTEE
Minutes of online meeting 29 September 2020, 09.30

Host: Ron Watson

1. Present: John Wingfield (Chair), Dee Collins (Asst Prog. Coord'r), Jill Dale (Groups Coord'r), John Fairbairn (New Membs. Cont.), Helen Heatley (Prog. Coord'r), Kathleen Smith (Joint Memb'p Sec'y), Ron Watson (Active News Ed.), Keith Weston (Treasurer)

Apologies: Judy Hall (Venues), Janice Miller (V. Brass), Eileen Lancaster (Joint Memb'p)
John Fairbairn took minutes.

2. Minutes of online meeting 28 August 2020: accepted

3. Matters Arising: none

4. Actions:

(4(9)) RW said table tennis guidance is confusing. HH said BCC have clear restrictions.

(6.5) Annual Report: booklet is needed.

(9.2) Jennet Lambert has been told about Monthly Meetings resumption. Christchurch Baptist Church is apparently applying for planning permission for a rebuild of the church.

5. Chair's Report

JW asked Committee members for their views about the effect on our U3A of the Covid-19 restrictions, particularly the "Rule of 6". After much discussion, JW said that we should carry on as at present, with groups able to meet in Covid-compliant premises but not in private homes.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 NatWest Bankline for Communities: the 4 signatories need to have discussions.

6.2 Art Appreciation Day: Liz Hatch (organiser) has asked Village Hotel for £250 refund. Members are being refunded: £714 already paid; £204 outstanding.

6.3 U3A Membership refunds: KW said these should be authorised by Chairman and paid by cheque. No payments should yet be taken for membership from January onwards. KW to liaise with EL re refunds. **Action: KW & EL.**

7. New Members Contact's Report

JF said he is not planning to hold a New Members Meeting, but will email or phone all new members to welcome them.

8. Membership Secretary's Report (Emailed report from EL)

415 people have joined for this year, including 3 new members and 1 lapsed/rejoined. 356 of these paid fees. 196 households have asked for "Third Age Matters".

KS said we should stress the "No refunds" policy to enquirers.

9. Programme Coordinator's Report

HH said that all groups scheduled to restart have done so. Some groups are running by email.

10. Assistant Programme Coordinator's Report

DC said that Epicentre is open on Mondays only. More volunteers are needed; also jigsaw puzzles are wanted.

11. Group Coordinator's Report

Risk Assessment (RA) forms have all been received from group leaders. Outdoor groups RA form is to be redrafted. Updated GLs booklet has been sent to all GLs. Committee vacancies have been advertised. (HH said that a possible Publicity Organiser has been contacted: the role description needs updating.) A new exercise group ("Gentle Mobilisation") is to start.

12. Venues Secretary's Report (Written report from JH)

Only 4 venues have not yet opened. One new large venue (Old School House, Highcliffe) is available but not yet booked into. A few groups have relocated due to Covid-19 issues.

13. Active News Editor's Report

RW has had good feedback re "Active News". The next issue may be rather thin.

14. Vintage Brass Report

None.

15. A.O.B.

15.1 HH asked whether Snooker Group is running: JD has not heard from them.

15.2 JF asked about timing of Annual Report. It will be issued a.s.a.p., including Accounts and notice of Committee vacancies. Current committee is to continue. **Action: JW, KW, RW.**

16. D.O.N.M.

Next meeting (Zoom): **Tuesday 3 November, 09.30**

Meeting closed at 10.23