

CHRISTCHURCH U3A COMMITTEE
Minutes of online meeting 31 December 2020, 14.00
Host & Chair: Eileen Lancaster

1. Present: Dee Collins (Asst Prog. Coord'r), Jill Dale (Groups Coord'r), John Fairbairn (New Membs. Cont.), Judy Hall (Venues Sec'y), Helen Heatley (Prog. Coord'r), Eileen Lancaster (Joint Memb'p Sec'y), Kathleen Smith (Joint Memb'p Sec'y), Paula Watton (Publicity Officer), Keith Weston (Treasurer)

Apologies: Janice Miller (V. Brass), Ron Watson (Active News), John Wingfield (Chair)
John Fairbairn took minutes.

2. Minutes of meeting 1 December 2020: accepted

3. Matters Arising: none

4. Actions

(5) PW has not yet built Facebook page. KS will help PW to progress it. EL will change existing U3A logo to lower case (as National U3A). **Action: PW, KS, EL**

(7) & (9): done.

(13) Portable publicity boards: JD has asked Chris Bazell re their whereabouts, but he doesn't know, so JD will ask the Pastor of Cranleigh church (Bud Thornley's church). PW will investigate possible new notice boards. **Action: JD, PW**

5. Chair's Report

None.

6. Treasurer's Report (written report from KW, with account balances and summaries)

6.1 KW asked whether to pay now for storage at St James' Institute: it was agreed to wait for them to send an invoice.

6.2 Pokesdown Servicemen's Club fees: it was agreed to pay nothing until invoice received.

7. New Members Contact's Report

JF said nothing to report.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

EL said that membership now numbers 501. In December 3 new members joined and 5 re-enrolled. 235 members take "Third Age Matters". 321 copies of "Active News" are sent out.

9. Programme Coordinator's Report

HH said that in current situation (Covid Tier 4) we should encourage GLs to have online contact with their groups if possible. Some groups are now meeting online (e.g. Current Affairs, Photography, Creative Writing, Gardening). HH will contact GLs to ask them to do so if they are able and willing. PW said that the national U3A website has useful ideas.

HH and JW will email a new year message to all members, with link to the U3A newsletter and signposting the national website. **Action: HH, JW**

10. Assistant Programme Coordinator's Report

DC said that the Epicentre is closed at present, but will re-open when Tier 4 restrictions are lifted.

11. Group Coordinator's Report (written report from JD)

JD said that she has received 47 (out of 53) registers. In past years JD has worked out venue costs per person etc: the committee agreed that this year there was no point in doing that. Two GLs have particularly thanked the Committee for its work in difficult times. Janice Greaves has died, and will be missed by many members. Janice looked after catering at Monthly meetings and other events. JD is in contact with Janice's son Simon, and will try to recover U3A monies and catering stock. We will need to find someone to do catering, when Monthly Meetings restart. **Action: JD**

12. Venues Secretary's Report

JH said there was little to report: two venues have said they are closed.

13. Publicity Officer's Report

PW said she will liaise with KS re Facebook (see item 4 above).

14. Active News Editor's Report

None.

15. Vintage Brass Report

On behalf of JM, EL reported that Vintage Brass had played carols in Saxon Square and raised £344.93 for local Macmillan Care.

16. A.O.B.

16.1 EL asked whether an online quiz was wanted. No decision made, but suggestion to refer to National U3A website for ideas.

16.2 PW said that introduction to using Zoom is available via U3A online tutorial.

17. D.O.N.M.

Next meeting (Zoom): **Friday 29 January, 2.00pm**

Host: Eileen Lancaster

Meeting closed at 14.55.