

CHRISTCHURCH U3A COMMITTEE
Minutes of online meeting 22 March 2021, 10.30
Host: Eileen Lancaster

1. Present: John Wingfield (Chair), 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 Fairbairn took minutes.

2. Minutes of online meeting 31 December 2020: accepted

3. Matters Arising: none

4. Actions:

(4) Facebook page has been made, but nothing yet put on it. **Ongoing action: PW, KS**

5. Chair's Report

JW has received a letter from Rosy Wells re Active News. He will reply to her, asking whether she would be willing to help. **Action: JW**

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

6.1 KW has been notified by CCLA, which holds our reserve funds, that in future they may incur negative interest. So we may need to transfer them elsewhere (e.g. NatWest).

6.2 KW is liaising with U3A Singers Treasurer re information needed by Charity Commission.

6.3 KW is happy with current financial state, but warned against reducing subs.

7. New Members Contact's Report

JF said nothing to report.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

EL said that membership now numbers 506, 5 new members having joined since December 2020.

9. Programme Co-ordinator's Report (written report from HH)

HH said that all GLs were emailed re possible re-starting of groups: about 40 replied. There is still much uncertainty about the lifting of restrictions. Two significant dates are:

29 March: Outdoor groups can resume, subject to "Rule of 6".

17 May: Indoor sport & exercise groups can resume, subject to Covid-safe rules (as in Sept. 2020).

HH (with JD & JW) will send mailchimp to all members re these matters. **Action: HH, JD, JW**

Aim to produce printed programme for 2021/22, but this will not be ready before end of July.

10. Assistant Programme Co-ordinator's Report

10.1 Term Dates for 2021/22: DC proposed extending spring term by 2 weeks, to give 34 weeks total for year. Committee agreed to this, viz.

Sept.20 - Dec.10, 2021 (12 weeks)

Jan.10 - April 1, 2022 (12 weeks)

April 25 - July 1, 2022 (10 weeks)

10.2 Subscriptions for 2021/22: committee agreed to keep subscriptions at same rate as for 2019/20, i.e. £45 for year; £33 for two terms (spring & summer); £19 for one term (summer).

10.2 amended on 27.04.21: *"Committee agreed not to increase subscriptions for 2021/22, and not to give refunds this year (2020/21)"*

10.3 DC will open Epicentre on April 12, and discuss publicity ideas with PW and KS.

11. Group Co-ordinator's Report

11.1 JD said that a new catering person is needed, to replace Janice Greaves who died.

11.2 The address of the Epicentre has been corrected, as agreed with BCP Council. It is:

Epicentre, Druitt Hall Approach, 27A High Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1AB

12. Venues Secretary's Report

JH said that Mundeford Wood Community Centre and Beaufort Community Centre are now open. JH has not heard from any other venues. JW said that he has had an email from St James Institute, and will forward it to JH. **Action: JW**

13. Publicity Officer's Report

13.1 PW said that June 2nd is "U3A Day": do we have any plans for it? PW & DC & KS will discuss this, and other publicity matters, on April 12.

13.2 New logo to be designed: PW & HH will consult with "Colour Copier".

13.3 Website needs to be updated: PW will liaise with Chris Powell (Webmaster).

13.4 "Shake & Stir" festival (26-27 June): leaflets etc will be needed. To be discussed on April 12.

Actions: PW, DC, KS, HH

14. Active News Editor's Report

Ron Watson was not present, but during the meeting Mrs Watson came online to say that he is in very poor health, and that he therefore feels that he must resign as Active News Editor. The committee expressed their sadness at this news, and wished to give warm thanks to Ron for his many years in that role. **Action: JW**

15. Vintage Brass Report

None.

16. A.O.B.

KW proposed that there should be some record kept of the whereabouts of items of U3A property such as flags and noticeboards. JF suggested that for this purpose there be a sheet or sheets in the loose-leaf folder in the Epicentre office cupboard. **Action: DC**

17. D.O.N.M.

Next meeting (Zoom) Tuesday 27 April, 10.30. Host = EL.

Meeting closed at approx. 11.40.