

CHRISTCHURCH U3A COMMITTEE
Minutes of online meeting 27 April 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), Rosy Wells (as observer)

Apologies: Janice Miller (V. Brass)

John Fairbairn took minutes.

2. Minutes of online meeting 22 March 2021: KW asked for amendment to item 10.2, re subscriptions. The following amendment was agreed to be made: "Committee agreed not to increase subscriptions for 2021/22, and not to give refunds this year (2020/21)".

3. Matters Arising: none

4. Actions: all noted actions have been carried out.

5. Chair's Report

JW has received email from member "Laurie" offering photos for "Active News".

Following news that Ron Watson is feeling better after surgery, JW will ask him

(a) whether he would like to resume as "Active News" editor from September 2021, and

(b) if he is happy for us to advertise for an assistant for him, so that the Committee vacancies email can be sent out (urgently). **Action: JW**

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

6.1 CCLA current interest rate is 0.01%.

6.2 Of the £10,000 Covid Support Grant, £2207.06 has been used so far.

7. New Members Contact's Report

JF said nothing to report.

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

EL said that membership now numbers 535, including 4 new members who have joined since 22 March. EL proposes to change the date the new "people" database is created, from 1 May to 1 June. Printing of membership cards will be postponed from mid-April to mid-May.

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

9.1 2020/21: 14 sports/exercise groups should be able to restart on May 17. They will run until end of July. HH will send out mailchimp re this, and update website. There is still uncertainty about indoor groups restarting. Some groups are continuing to operate virtually.

9.2 2021/22: CDFs have been issued to GLs: 36 completed to date. New GLs are needed. Aim to issue programme on August 2.

10. Assistant Programme Co-ordinator's Report

Committee agreed for DC to spend £125 on updating the Epicentre signage (new logo etc).

11. Group Co-ordinator's Report (written report from JD)

11.1 JD has drafted mailchimp re committee vacancies, and role descriptions for Secretary and Magazine Editor.

11.2 JD is aware that some members are resentful that they have had little in return for a full year's subscription, and may expect a refund.

11.3 JD currently has no assistant.

11.4 JD plans to retire at the end of the summer: so a new Groups Coordinator is needed.

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

JH sent email on 24 April, showing current state (open or shut) of venues, and/or their plans for opening in future.

13. Publicity Officer's Report (written report from PW)

13.1 KS has started Facebook page and will be the administrator.

13.2 Libraries have been contacted re having publicity board, posters, brochures etc.

13.3 U3A Day (June 2): PW has applied for grant (£100) for table, board, leaflets etc. Possible activities in Saxon Square: Vintage Brass, Quartet, Int'l Folk-Dancing Group.

13.4 "Clicksilver" is one-one mentoring on phone, to help people with internet use.

13.5 PW has asked Christchurch & Highcliffe local magazines if they wish to have the article PW writes for "Southbourne Eye". No reply yet.

13.6 PW and KS will meet on May 6 to review the U3A Brand Centre and select logos.

Action: PW, KS.

14. Vintage Brass Report

£384 has been raised for Bournemouth Hospital by some V.B. members doing a sponsored walk.

15. A.O.B.

15.1 Website is to be refreshed: a sub-committee will do this, comprising EL & PW & Chris Powell. EL to convene a meeting. **Action: EL.**

16. D.O.N.M.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25 May, 10.30, chez KS (in garden).

(If weather inclement, meeting will be via Zoom.)

Meeting closed at approx. 12.15.

Footnote: because JF was virtually AWOL for parts of this meeting (items 9-12, and some of item 13) he has summarised the written reports for those items, and is grateful for help from HH and EL.