

**MINUTES OF EXE VALLEY U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE OHSCC AT 9.30.AM.**

Present : M Turner (Chair), C Redhead (Secretary), J Jeffrey, J Kelly, D Lal, C Boote, A Bush

Apologies: P Sadler, K Huntley-Sadler, J Riddiford, L Chapman

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed with no amendments and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

Mike reported that Tim Dyke has agreed to edit the October Newsletter.

Chair's Report

Mike has spoken with Mike Warren, Chair of Tiverton U3A, who is very keen to liaise with us regarding coach trips, events and publicity in the future. He is taking this back to his committee but can see no problem with it. Jo has spoken with the leader of the Tiverton U3A Gardening Group and they are happy to join with our gardening group for visits, speakers etc.

Mike gave his apologies as he will not be at the September monthly meeting. Deborah will do the announcements etc.

Secretary's Report

National Office e mail has been sent to the committee already regarding the u3a day. It had already been decided that we would not participate this year but we could plan ahead for something for next year. Anne suggested that this could be mentioned at the Group Leaders cream tea.

We need to be informing the members now that we are looking for a new secretary and a new chair for next year and this will be promoted in the newsletter and on the screen at the monthly meeting in September and the meetings after that. A Nomination form will also be attached to the newsletter. We also need another committee member.

Chris explained that everything that has to be done by the secretary is very clearly explained in her files.

The National Office AGM is forthcoming and it was agreed that Chris does not need to be present. **Chris** will forward to the committee a link to this and also all the information as to what will be discussed. There is also an e mail regarding voting for the Vice Chair of the Third Age Trust and again it was decided not to vote.

The Friends Newsletter has the option to look at Zoom talks available and this could be of interest.

The position with photos was then discussed and the policy is on the website. When any photos are taken permission must be obtained from all those who will be in the photo. This will be put into the newsletter to make sure all members are aware, in particular Group Leaders and this will be mentioned at the cream tea.

Treasurer's Report

Bank - £3853.28

Cash £180.95

Unbanked - £37.30

Total assets - £4081.53

Publicity Report

Lyn has submitted a piece to Mike about Exe Valley U3A for insertion in the Witheridge Voice. The position with photos was raised by Lyn in her report and this has now been clarified. Mike has inserted some photos to go with the article.

Lyn has asked Nigel to print our poster on the back of the monthly newsletter with a request that members put up a poster somewhere if possible to publicise the Exe Valley U3A. She is still looking at inserting a piece in the One Magazine.

Various people have placed posters in villages around Tiverton such as Silverton, Broadclyst, Cadeleigh, and Bickleigh. Joan has placed posters in Phoenix House, The Museum, The Library, Tesco and a couple of newsagents in the town. Posters are also in Moorhayes and Sunningmead Community Centres. David Meredith has agreed to put a piece about the Local History Group visit to Bickleigh Church emphasising the U3A involvement.

It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to advertise the Exe Valley U3A in Cullompton as they already have their own U3A.

Lyn has put a poster and short piece about us on the Silverton Community Facebook page and we need to do this with other village Facebook pages. It was suggested that Lyn put a poster in the Thorverton Farm Shop.

At the group leaders meeting we will ask if members can promote us on our Facebook page and put details of what they are doing.

IT Report

All is going well with the IT at the monthly meetings. Tim has handed the old laptop to Carol for the committee to decide what to do with it. It needs a new battery, has no internet facility and operates on Windows 7. After discussion it was agreed that Carol dispose of it as she thinks fit. She will first double check that all files have been removed.

Chris will check our inventory of equipment and circulate to the committee and will also take a look at the Roles and Responsibilities.

Social Co-ordinator's Report

The Rosemoor trip was a success.

The Christmas entertainment which Joan was trying to arrange had not been successful. Anne will speak with Neville about a possible option for entertainment. We will have mince pies and Anne will ask Tim if he has a Christmas quiz. There will be no charge for the Christmas meeting. There will be 4 draw prizes

Anne is considering an outing to Beer and Beer Caves in the spring and will involve the Tiverton U3A.

Membership Secretary's Report

We have 240 members. 3 new members have joined as they wanted tickets for the Ann Widdecombe talk.

81 tickets have been sold for this. Jo and Joan will do the teas and there are two other helpers.

Beacon Report

The Bi monthly newsletter relates to membership and finance modules only. This has been forwarded to Jill and Paul for them to look at. There are 607 U3As using Beacon which is 278,858 people.

There is on line joining training taking place on 18 September and this is now full.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

Details for the Group Leaders cream tea were discussed.

Karyl please to follow up any who haven't replied with another e mail.

With regard to Karyl's queries

1. No presents needed.
2. Wendy will be asked to give a presentation on the Website – **Chris** will ask her. Karyl will need to make sure the golf club can provide a screen and internet access.
3. Lynne Lyddon will be asked to talk about the newsletter and what she requires – **Chris** will contact her.
4. The details of next year's U3A day will be announced
5. The ruling regarding taking photos will be emphasised.
6. Any ideas for future outings will be mentioned.

Programme Co-ordinator's Report

Programme for next year is almost complete.

Website

Nothing to report

Welfare

No cards sent this month. **Deborah** will contact Marilyn re a card for someone she has been told about and will inform Jill.

Newsletter Items

1. Announcement re secretary and chair and attachment of Nomination Form
2. Situation regarding photos
3. Putting out of Chairs for Ann Widdecombe.

There being no other business the meeting was closed and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 October at 9.30.am.