

## Pocklington & District U3A Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19th June 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

at the Station Hotel, Pocklington

### PRESENT:

President	Steve Fraser
Chair	Chris Mills
Vice Chair	Sue Final
Secretary	Ron Tinkler
Committee Members:	Moira Laverack, Brian James, Martin Braidley, Graham Ball, Eileen Ducker, Dave Stone, Liz Dearsly & Elizabeth Walker
Guest	Peter Hiley

### 1. Welcome CM

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting with a special welcome to Peter Hiley who was attending the meeting as a guest/observer and potential Co-opted Committee Member for the rest of 2019/20

### 2. Apologies for absence

- Apologies had been received from Paul Giles Treasurer, and Val Wosket

### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2019

- Proposed by Liz Dearsly and seconded by Sue Final. Approved

### 4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting

- MB circulated a paper following his discussions with Brian Snelson on new PA system. He advised the meeting that the prime use of PA was at Drop In Meetings and that he had received no other requests for use of the PA in over 4 months. The current PA system was not up to the job required and did need to be replaced. The best place to purchase a new system would be Gear For Music in York The system being proposed had a basic price of c£110 but add ons could take it up to as much as £600. Graham Ball asked if the basic system was modular and could be added to as and when required. MB confirmed this to be the case. It was suggested that the basic system would meet our current needs and should therefore be the recommendation as long as it could be developed as required. There had been some preliminary discussions on a potential Tea Dance Group and the need for a system to be music and download compatible. **MB and CM to visit Gear For Music to finalise**
- GB confirmed that all U3A equipment had been removed from Wesley House and appropriate keys returned to the church. He provided a listing of items that were now stored in Allerthorpe in CM garage, This did not seem to be causing any issues or problems for Group Leaders. It was suggested that the "mobile screen" could be offered to the Scout Group. **SuF to follow up with Scout Leader.**

### 5. Groups SuF reported

- There had as yet been no interest from anyone to take on the role of Group Leader Theatre Group
- Following discussion it was decided to revisit the position on Bridge Group in September when more people were likely to show an interest. It was noted that based on skill levels there may be an option/requirement for 2 groups, Beginners and Intermediate
- Garden Wildlife Group is now established

- It was agreed to bring forward the option for a further Wine Appreciation Group to be communicated in September
- Easy Cycling is aiming to meet each Monday at 1.30pm at Burnby Hall Community Hall dependent on weather conditions. **SuF to add RLT to list of members**
- Singing For Pleasure Group now has a new pianist and will most likely return to its fortnightly meeting frequency commencing on July 10<sup>th</sup> **RLT to add to monthly communication from Brian Snelson**
- Mervyn Buckingham, Group Leader, has produced a guide on DIY coffins. A link to Mervyn via the website should be set up so that anyone requiring further information can contact him directly and he can provide PDF **RLT to arrange**
- Preliminary meeting of Pocklington Quiz Group set for Wed 19/06/19 at 10 am in Methodist Church

#### **6. Treasurer Update**

- RLT advised that PG had provided a written report for the meeting
- Account Balance £9785 excluding any transfer from Subscription Account
- Insurance discussions with TAT ongoing **PG**
- PG will confirm arrangements with ML, CM & RLT to become cheque signatories **PG**
- BJ to pass details of Film Licence renewal to PG who will pay direct **BJ**
- New Stripe procedures to be discussed with ML
- Gift Aid virtually complete and c £1000. Will be finalized following discussions with ML
- Inconsistency between requirements of Charity Commission and Bank relating to On Line signatories will be resolved by ML receiving weekly Subscription Account Statements

#### **7. Membership Secretary Report ML reported**

- ML reported that membership currently stood at 819
- There were 7 new members joining in June
- ML had reactivated a number of members from Archive file following "late" payment of subscription but overall the process had gone well
- Updates were being applied to ML laptop and systems no longer used were being erased which would result in small financial annual savings c£60
- The months for the New Members Meetings 2020 would be reviewed to ensure they took place at times most likely to get good attendance. The next meeting in 2019 would take place on 12/09/19

#### **8. Secretary Report**

- RLT took the meeting through the paper provided on Committee Issues. Following discussion it was agreed that;
- All to give consideration to potential replacement of PG as Treasurer in 2020 **ALL**
- Those Committee members who were available for re-election in 2020 to advise RLT as soon as practicable of their intention **ALL as appropriate**
- At the request of ML and with the agreement of the Committee, Elizabeth Walker was to take up the post of Co Secretary Membership to provide cover and support as necessary.
- The situation would be revisited in Oct/Nov 2019

## 9. Community In Action

- Nothing to Report. At this stage CIA is not a major vehicle for U3A but we will keep contact
- It was agreed that we would keep in touch with Social Prescribing but must recognize we care but are not “Carers”. We should ensure that our organization is known to the relevant bodies and help as necessary but we would not “market” the U3A to the public in this matter. BJ and SuF to follow up with **Pocklington Group Medical Practice on Social Prescribing**

## 10. Meetings

- Next Drop-In, Thursday 4th July 2019.
- New Members Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Committee Meeting Thursday 16th July 2019. Apologies from CM, ML and DS

## 11. AOB

- RLT provided an update on Burnby Hall Consultation Day. It was likely that the Hall would be developed for mixed use including community activity and the existing facility used for Drop Ins and other Group meetings should be retained, although this was still to be determined. Further updates should be available c Sept/Oct but at this stage East Riding are still taking bookings for 2020
- A proposal from Embroidery Group to raffle off a piece of their work for a charitable cause was briefly discussed. They appear to be looking for approval that they can hold a raffle and want the Committee to determine an appropriate charity. SF reminded the meeting that any charity should really be broad based and not localized. RLT to circulate details for response at July meeting
- SuF reported back on her visit to the Accord U3A meeting. **SuF to circulate document and responses to CM for next meeting**
- SF wanted to record that she thought it inappropriate that the report and photos from the Art Group Display at the June Drop In had been placed on the Website without checking first with the Group or Group Leader. She understood that it stemmed from good intentions and was pleased that efforts would get a wider circulation. Members of the group however had better and more appropriate photos and the “heading” item on the Website was not representative of the work from the group but was a stock image. CM acknowledged the issue and was in agreement that we should check with Groups before placing items on website. He thought from responses that the display had been well received and asked all present to consider whether there would be other groups who could display at Drop Ins
- It was suggested that a reminder of the standard Password to log in first time to Website should be sent out with the Drop In invite to all members in August communication for September meeting.
- Members Communication in June for July meeting to advise on First Aid session 29/08/19 **RLT**

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon