

Pocklington & District U3A Committee Meeting

MARCH 2020

In response to Corona Virus, the committee Meeting scheduled for 17/03/20 did not take place but Officer Monthly Reports were submitted and all Committee Members reviewed minutes from February meeting and raised items as appropriate for this record.

Following Discussions the Committee would like to offer the role of President for a third year to Steve Fraser. This has been accepted by Steve

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 18th February 2020

- The Minutes of the meeting held on February 18th were approved without amendment. Proposed by Val Wosket and seconded by Ron Tinkler

2. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting

- Has a response been received from WDY ref Outstanding Invoice for work on "back-up" facility **DS/PG**
- What is the position with work to be carried out by WDY that will allow Secretary to set up an email group of all members so that the Committee through the Secretary can communicate directly with all members. This would mean no longer having to rely on the database and goodwill of Brian Snelson **ML/RLT**

3. Groups

- Science Group Underway
- Environment Group now has sufficient numbers to get underway
- Prior to Committee decision to advise Group Leaders to suspend group meetings, RLT did ask to be updated on any cancellations. Over 20 groups responded and a 'News' item was placed on the Website that updated members on cancellations. The secretary continues to receive queries from Group Leaders ref cancellations and communication to group members. Website continues to be updated as we are advised by Group Leaders of suspended groups.

4. Treasurer's Update

- Balance at Bank is 6938 pounds excluding Subscriptions Account
- While funds are not in a shortage situation we need to be mindful of the likely impact of the ongoing issues from Coronavirus as it may restrict the number of renewals. It is not clear how long this is likely to last and we may need to revisit subscriptions for 2021/22 at some point ahead of AGM.
- We need to be mindful that we may get requests for repayment/reduction in subscriptions given the virtual closure of our U3A. At this point I would suggest that if this arises we advise member that we need
 - a) to see how long the Virus impacts on our U3A
 - b) whether U3A nationally have anything to say on this and
 - c) we will need to look at it at a later date. **ALL**
- The Treasurer confirmed he is happy to continue in the role until such time as AGM allows for a successor to be officially appointed.

- Before we are likely to meet again as a committee we will have to submit Membership Capita and TAM magazine fees to TAT. Treasurer will liaise with Secretary and Membership Secretary to ensure we meet deadlines
- Given current circumstances the Asset Register will be brought forward at a future “normal meeting” Substantially completed

5. Membership Secretary’s Report

- Membership now approaching 900
- There have been 48 new members join since 01/01/20
- Renewals for 2020/21 as at Monday 16/03/20
 - Cash 333
 - Cheque 96
 - DD/Bacs 40
 - On Line 59
 - Total 528**
- On Line level is meeting expectation for Year 1
- Queue Management at March Drop In was helpful and an improvement on February
- Proposal to communicate subscription options for remaining members already underway
- New Members meeting took place 12/03/20

6. Secretary’s Report

- Website and other relevant documentation has been updated with new U3A logo
- A joint request has been received from Quiz Group and Archaeology Group to purchase a compatible Lapel Microphone for the new PA system. Both these groups use the PA on a regular basis. Lapel Microphones are c 20 pounds. Views please **ALL**
- The Preparing For Funerals Group would like to have an entry in the 2020/21 Members Handbook even though the group no longer meets, advising that their Information Booklet is available by direct contact with the Group Leader. Views please **ALL**
- An email suggestion to Secretary from a member proposed “sponsoring” a bench seat in Burnby Hall Gardens as a way of commemorating National U3A day. I have researched this option and believe it is both cost prohibitive and would not really “advertise” P&D U3A to the correct target demographic. For 10 years the cost would be 800 pounds plus we would have to meet cost of plaque. Burnby Hall Gardens have indicated they may have a further less costly option in the coming months associated with a new Bird Hide. Awaiting details
- AGM is cancelled which means we have until 18th July to reschedule

7. Meetings April

- Drop in and Committee Meetings cancelled

8. AOB

- There has been a request from Richard Hawkins to determine any level of support (practical and financial) that the Committee may be able to provide for a one-off Tea Dance. Suggest this is put on hold in current circumstances

- We have been offered the opportunity by making a nominal donation to either Cancer Research or St Leonards Hospice to be gifted a Portable Projector Screen (not quite as big as the one currently used by Film Group) It was the property of a Member who passed away in December 2019. (Would be useful for Photography group). Views **ALL**
- Joint Meeting with Haxby/York is cancelled
- Given current position and with no definite date of a future meeting of the committee, it would be helpful and ensure consistency if any items for general communication either by Brian Snelson or on to Website were sent directly to Chair and copied to Secretary