

**AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at S&G HQ**

**Present:** Alan Starkie, Megan Tomlinson, Colin Russ, Jane Astles, Paul Andrews, Mike Rimmer, Ian Grant, John Tomlinson, Derrick Fewings, Doreen Baker, Deirdre Slater, Pamela Ball(for item 3 only)..

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Colin Russ, who was attending as a new committee member for the first time.

**2. Apologies**

Pamela Green. As this is the third consecutive meeting that Pamela had not attended the Hon. Secretary will write to her.

**ACTION MT**

**3. Speaker meetings**

Pamela Ball – Speaker Secretary attended to highlight the problems regarding the venue and parking on the Sands. Alternative options were discussed and it was agreed to hold the next speaker meeting at HQ as a trial. Pamela will cancel the booking at the church for the February meeting.

**ACTION PB**

**4. Minutes of Meeting 17 September 2019**

The Minutes were agreed as true and accurate and were signed by the Chairman.

**5. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Correspondence**

None.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

The financial summary was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that session fees should be increased to £1 per person with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. DF has prepared an article for the next magazine explaining the reasons for this.

**ACTION DF**

In view of the substantial subsidy for Burscough Sports Centre, the session fees will be increased on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and DF has advised both groups.

DF confirmed the claim for Gift Aid had been accepted and £4,273 had been received from HMRC.

Third Age Trust guidance on VAT is still awaited.

## **8. Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership remains fairly static at around 1800.

On line renewal will be available from 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and an email will be sent to all members for whom we have an email address.

**ACTION DS/DB**

The renewal forms will be inserted in the March magazine.

## **9. Sub Committee Reports**

### Finance and Resources

Further investment has been made in UTB Bonds, making £35,000 in total. These bonds mature at staggered intervals.

It was agreed that horse riding should be included as a non U3A activity in future editions of our magazine.. Hon. Secretary will write to the group leader.

**ACTION MT**

### Social Committee

Christmas lunch was well attended and very successful. The venue and the caterers have been booked for next year. The entertainment is to be reviewed.

The committee recognised the hard work involved by all the organisers. It was agreed a letter should be sent to Val Bullen as this was the last year of her involvement in this event.

**ACTION MT**

Four events have been organised for next year – Vegan Lunch, Dingy Sailing and Swing Music.

### Learning and Group Support

The utilisation of the rooms at HQ is being reviewed. Events planned for next year include Group Leader's meeting, Wellbeing presentations and an introduction to Bridge course.

## **10. Constitution**

It was agreed to set up a working party to consider whether the constitution should be amended to develop a single structure in line with the Third Age Trust constitution. Hon.

Sec. will write to working party members to agree a date.

**ACTION MT**

## **11. Parking on the Sands**

Yellow lines are to be painted on one side of the Sands as access is required by emergency vehicles at all times.

Liaison is required between U3A, the Ministry Centre, Christ Church and Christ Church School on car parking issues. It was suggested that we might be able to use Christ Church School car park during half term and summer holidays etc. Hon. Sec. will write to the Headmaster.

**ACTION MT**

## **12. U3A Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

Members were asked to consider ideas for events which might showcase our U3A, possibly in conjunction with NW Region.

**13. U3AMagazine**

The Committee ratified the decision to move to 3 issues per annum.

A meeting was held to review the problems which had arisen with the last magazine distribution. It was suggested that a working party be arranged to consider various options and report back to the MC. The first meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**ACTION WORKING PARTY**

**14. AOB**

None

**15. Date of next meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Meeting closed at 12.10.

Signed .....

Dated .....