

Meeting of Management Committee
Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 9.30am at HQ

Present – Sue Watkinson (Trustee)

John Tomlinson, Derrick Fewings, Les Rippon, Paul Andrews, Colin Russ Megan Tomlinson, Pamela Ball, (MC)

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed people to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Alan Starkie, Mike Rimmer, Doreen Baker

3 Minutes of meeting held on 31.08.21.

Accepted as a true record

4 Matters arising.

None

5 Correspondence

None

6 Treasurer's Report

Current balance is £51k. Subscriptions are coming in – £11 626 to date (£6660 from Paypal). Ordinarily get 50% of fees in before the payment date so we appear to be on course for this. Meetings with group leaders have taken place which went well. Chair thanked Derrick for all of his work during COVID-19 pandemic.

7 Membership Report

Total membership at 20.9.21 1596 but this will include some members who may not renew for this year. From 1st September:

Renewals/new members	332 individuals – includes 43 new members
	401 joint
	<u>9 free</u>
	742 Total

Total funds received £10995 of which £6531 was via Paypal. (Note that more fees have been received since this report was published – see Treasurer's Report).

Membership Team are looking into providing guidance for Group Leaders/coordinators on the use of Beacon by the way of a leaflet and website information. Team will liaise with Group support and communications.

8 Sub-committee reports

Communications

An open day is planned at HQ on a Saturday October 23 10.30-3.30pm. Group leaders to have a table. Suggested that a mini magazine is needed to publicise U3A and activities. The mini magazine (12 pages A5 size) would be handed out at the open day. Aim is to encourage members to attend the event and increase uptake of people taking part in activities. Plans to be shared re advertising the event via e-news, website and at Horizons. Members to be informed about the Open Day by email or by post for those without email. The mini magazine would be distributed at the Open Day.

Action – Chair to follow up with Alan Nolan

Christmas magazine is dependent upon Grant Application as part of relaunch plans.

The production of a bi-annual magazine to be revisited.

F and R

Music Appreciation group – agreed that £400 could be spent on sound equipment.

Group Support

Not meeting until next week. Discussion around a thank you event for group leaders to recognise their work and support. Agreed in principle and to be held in the New Year.

Italian intermediate group has folded due to lack of numbers.

It was noted that there have been problems with windows being left open at HQ.

Agreed that a step ladder should be purchased so that those attending can use the ladder to open and close windows. Paul Andrews to follow up at next Group Support meeting.

Social Committee

Christmas lunch arrangements all in hand. Tickets available mid-October.

9 Amendments to Constitution

Chair suggested that the time is right to look at the Constitution and discuss amendments. A small working party to be formed to begin work on amendments as soon as possible.

Composition of the working party agreed as: John Tomlinson to Chair the Committee, Ian Grant, 1 Trustee to be part of the group and Les Rippon.

10 Date of next AGM

June 16 2021 – to be confirmed.

11 Set up for EGM (Chairs etc)

Arrangements discussed. No refreshments.

12 AOB

Speaker meetings – last one at Aughton Village Hall on October 7. Next one is in November 4 at HQ and will be held in the large room.

Choir would like to hold Advent Service on Thursday December 2 – aim to hold at Christ Church as in past. Suggested start time 11am.

Action Sue Watkinson to follow up with Choir

Gift Aid – come to light that there is a potential software problem with Beacon system and accuracy of information – Derrick following up with Ian Haskell and Deidre Slater.

Derrick gave an update on a pilot project with Italian paying money into account using bank transfer. Discussion also took place re use of a card reader.

Agreed that a card reader be purchased up to value of £200.

Channel 5 are filming in Granville Park and will be using part of the car park at Aughton Village Hall which could impact on parking at New Horizons this week and next week (September 23 and 30). They will also be using the Committee Room.

John Tomlinson fed back on the NW Region AGM last week. NW Region have grants available which can be applied for. Reported that nationally U3A membership is down by 17-18%. Discussion took place re U3A Branding Centre – all future payments for orders placed with them are to be paid for by card.

Aughton Village Hall – discussion took place on the responsibility of notifying AVH if a session isn't needed. Group Leaders must contact AVH and then inform Treasurer and Chair.

Action: Derrick Fewings to inform all Group Leaders

13 Date of next meeting Tuesday October 19th, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Signed.....Date.....