

Meeting of Aughton & Ormskirk u3a Management Committee
Tuesday 27th July, 2021 at 10.30 a.m.
S & G Headquarters

Present – Alan Starkie, Ian Grant, Paul Andrews, Mike Rimmer, Pamela Ball, Megan Tomlinson, John Tomlinson,
Trustee- Sue Watkinson. Visitor – Alan Nolan

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Committee members.

2. Apologies –

Pamela Green, Colin Russ, Les Rippon, Doreen Baker.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June, 2021.

Accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising –

New Horizons – PB reported that New Horizons went very well and had positive feed-back although some people found it noisy. There was a general discussion about placement of the Welcome Desk. This now to be in the Foyer so as to be the first point of contact.

Discussion about new members joining prior to the end of the year - It was decided that new members could join from the 1st September and pay £15.00 thereby getting 1 month free.

Anyone wishing to join prior to 1st September would have to pay again for next year.

MT & PB to take registration and collect 50p session fee.

5. Correspondence

There was an enquiry regarding the Memory Course the u3a ran some time ago from Alsager Partnership but as this was only trialled under u3a conditions it was not possible to give permission to run this.

Enquiry from Gillian White from West Lancashire Social Prescribing will attend Horizons on Thursday 2nd September, 2021.

TAT NW Region reminded us of AGM by Zoom in September, John agreed to attend.

The Secretary had submitted the TAT Annual Return via email on two occasions without any response so a hard copy via Recorded Delivery was sent and acknowledged.

6. Treasurers Report

We have a current bank balance of £54,000 and was expecting an Invoice from TAT for membership dues of approx.. £5,000. The matter of groups covering costs of premises was again mentioned and also that any tutor costs incurred by a group must be covered by the attendees.

7. Self funding –

DF presented to the Committee his paper on self-funding giving several options which were discussed. It was generally felt by those present that strategy No. 5 – ask that each group makes a fixed payment per session equal to the cost of hiring the room was acceptable. Further discussions took place about implementation of this option and various ideas were talked through. It was decided that **DF** would re-submit strategy No.5 to include amendments and put to the next Committee meeting. This strategy is in readiness if changes need to be made after the first quarter. Ian thanked the Treasurer for his excellent paper.

8. Update on Constitution amendment –

Due to the constraints of time it was too late to make any alterations to our Constitution before this year's AGM. It was suggested by IG that as soon as possible after the AGM a small Committee could be formed to re-visit this with a view to changing our 'Objects' clause, Terms of Office etc., to enable any changes made to be put to TAT and also to our AGM in 2022.

9. Application for grant from Community Champion Scheme –

This is a grant of up to £10,000 which local organisations can apply for. DF thought we could apply for this which would assist with our re-launch. Discussions took place with regard to how this application could be made. It was decided that a small Committee should be formed headed up by AS as Project Manager and DF as Project Office.

10 Membership Report –

Message in enews on the importance of maintaining records especially with regard to bereavements.

Feed back on Horizons – 3 new members, 5 renewals and 3/4 potential members to join later.

11. Communications Report –

Latest Newsletter and enews have gone out. Next magazine issue to be on Agenda at next MC meeting.

12. A.O.B. –

It was thought that this year's AGM may not be quorate and if not how would we proceed. Following this situation a SGM would have to be called in 21 days and then resolutions and proposals could be voted on no matter how many people attend.

13. Date of next meeting - 31st August, 2021 at 9.30 a.m. at H.Q. at which time a new Chairman will be elected and sub-Committees representatives allocated.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.

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