

Aughton & Ormskirk U3A

Management Committee Meeting

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 9.45 am

Present: J Tomlinson, D Fewings, P Andrews, M Rimmer, E Dixon, L Rippon, D Blanchflower, P Ball, S Kierans, M Tomlinson

1. Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting 23.08.2022

Accepted as a true and accurate record

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. 20th Anniversary – Logo - Ideas/suggestions

Pam had suggested a questionnaire which could be put to members using Horizons and publicised via eNews. The questionnaire could also be passed on to group leaders to pass on. A suggestion box could be placed in the foyer of the Scout HQ so individuals could also respond (permission would be needed from the Scouts re the box). Suggestion that a separate working group should be involved in the organisation. Liz Dixon offered to assist Pam Ball and Megan Tomlinson.

Mention was made that Aughton Village Hall could be used to display all the activities and invite the public in order to promote the U3A. Social media would be a useful way to promote the event.

Other ideas talked about were a dance with a BBQ or afternoon tea.

Deadline needed for suggestions before Christmas.

Dates – June/July.

Action – John Tomlinson to contact Aughton Village Hall re a booking for a Saturday June or July. A specific email address to be created to gather ideas about the celebration– John Tomlinson to follow up with WW.

Action – E Dixon, M Tomlinson and P Ball to work on the suggestions which are gathered.

7. Horizons – Pam to advise on discussion with the Welcome Desk

Encouraging more people to come to Horizons – throughout November there has been a specific activity per week – card group, Age UK etc. This idea will continue after Christmas.

Welcome desk – important that new members are made welcome at Horizons once they've registered etc. Suggestion that some people could wear a badge/rosette which would help new people identify those to whom they could speak and find out more.

E Dixon to follow up idea of rosettes with textile group

8. Health and Safety Document

This document has now been placed on file.

9. Charity Commission – Changes in the Charities Act 2022

Copy has been emailed to everyone.

10. Climate Change/Green Initiative. What can we do/are we doing enough?

Discussion took place about increasing recycling at events, we could have recyclable membership cards. Possibility of planting trees as part of the 20th anniversary – maybe at Aughton and Scarisbrick Village Halls. Could invite a guest to attend Horizons to talk about Green initiatives.

11. Treasurer's Report

£81k in bank (£17k up on start of financial year), £8k up on group activity (some prepayment for tutors and visits). Admin side – surplus of £9k. Less funds to come in now from membership subs for rest of year, will have outgoings in April (eg subscription to Third Age Trust). Scout HQ increased costs by £400 per quarter.

Felt that need to maintain charges at current levels given current financial situation.

Free coffee and mince pies at Horizons one session in December.

60% people renewing membership by PayPal.

Many thanks to D. Fewings for all of his hard work which was much appreciated. It is important that a succession plan is put in place in terms of Treasurer role.

12. Finance Committee Report

No meeting has taken place.

13. Membership Report

1599 at present includes 214 who have not yet renewed. Group Leaders to be informed of those who have not yet renewed membership yet.

Action: Liz to send an excel spreadsheet to all group leaders of all those who have not paid

14. Communications Report

Next magazine – keep at A5 size – March. Any further help for Alan and Joyce Nolan would be most welcome.

15. Social Committee Report

Quiz night was very successful.

Christmas lunch – 87 tickets have been sold. Aiming for 100 if possible.

Christmas lunch 2023 – to look at in terms of cost. Suggestion that there could be a subsidy from central funds as the event would be part of the 20th anniversary celebrations. Discussion took place regarding the demand for such an event.

Ministry centre or an alternative location to be booked for 2023.

Thanks were given for all of the work by members of the Social Committee.

16. Group Support Report

Thank-you party next Tuesday for helpers. 50 people invited.

17. A.O.B.

Agreed close down of activities at HQ from Friday Dec 23 until Tuesday Jan 3. Horizons restarts on Jan 5 Groups meeting elsewhere to notify locations themselves.

Aughton Village Hall – a member needed to represent the U3A as users of the Hall. The committee meet once per 3 months. If anyone interested contact John Tomlinson.

Action – Pam Ball to notify Bob Carlton for both eNews

AGM date to be finalised – likely to be June.

18. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 28th February 2023. 9.30am. Scout & Guide H.Q.