

KINGS NORTON U3A

Minutes of the committee meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2022

Present: Linda Curry (Chair), Lorna Brown, Pauline George, Vicki Hone, Chris Locke, Helen Kempster, Margaret Lusher

1. **Welcome and apologies** from Pauline Amor, Beryl Blood.

2. **Minutes of the meeting** of 18th October 2022 were accepted.

3. **Matters arising** from the Minutes

LC had written an item publicising K Norton u3a for Bournville Pages magazine.

This had not appeared in the November edition. LC would contact the editor. LC

LC would circulate the revised Guidelines to Interest Group Leaders.

LB would issue the revised committee membership list. LB

4. **Chair's Report**

LC had received a request from Moseley/Kings Heath u3a to complete a **Gift Aid** Form. ML confirmed that a majority of K Norton members had already completed forms when they first joined.

LC explained that **M/Kings Heath** had moved venues for general meetings, from central Kings Heath to the Irish Centre on Wheelers Lane. Concerns were raised about the impact of the move on attendance.

5. **Third Age Matters**

K Norton member, Renate Berry, had submitted a letter which doubted the need to increase the national subscription. No committee members had been approached by Renate about funding for national office. Sam Mauger, u3a CEO, is holding an on line Q and A to look at questions arising from the AGM. LC would contact Renate after that meeting. LC

It was agreed that members could bring their copies of Third Age Matters for new members.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

CL had circulated the monthly accounts, current balance £4,800. Based on current room costs, the Group was expected to have a healthy balance by the end of the financial year.

CL was still struggling to close the contract with Virgin Media.

There were still communication problems with the booking clerk for Dame

Elizabeth Hall, the payment of rent was still outstanding. If proposed increases in charges took place the costs could be £500 6 months. The interest group leader may need to find a new venue.

CL agreed to provide the committee members with the budgets for £1 and £2 Membership fee increases for 2022/23. The decision would be made at the January 2023 committee meeting. CL

LB would locate Paul Smith's timetable for administering renewals. LB.

7. Revised Interest Group Guidelines

See Item 3 Matters Arising.

8. Interest Groups

The only use of St Joseph's during December would be the General Meeting. History group meets at Selly Oak Quaker Meeting House, Bridge and the Quiz group at Bournville Q M H. PG had asked to be included in IG leader emails to members so that she was kept up to date with changes.

9. October General Meeting

LC had received complaints about the poor quality of the speaker. 6 people left during the meeting.

10. Christmas Party arrangements

LB had provided a check list of items for discussion. It was agreed that the members would be encouraged to donate items for the raffle and the Creative Writing Group would read short Christmas stories. LB would purchase the remaining prizes and mince pies. VH and PG would use cups etc from summer party. Allan Walmsley LB to be asked if he can provide mulled wine.

It was agreed that items **11 and 12** would be discussed fully at the next meeting.

11. Membership

Total: 296 New members coffee morning Saturday 26th November

13 Newsletter

The copy date for the next edition would be mid- January. HK welcomed contributions from all members. LB agreed to write a short item about the benefits to Kings Norton u3a of the support we receive from national office. LB

14. Next meeting: Wednesday 14th December 2022 2pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.