

Kings Norton & District u3a

Minutes of committee meeting 18/5/2021 (by Zoom)

Present: Lorna Brown, acting chair, Vickie Hone, Roger Jones, Jenny Snashall, Paul Smith, Helen Kempster, Alan Keepax and observers Rosie Hogg, Pauline George, Linda Curry

- Action
- 1 Apologies: Peter Miller
 - 2 Minutes of last meeting:
Item 9 – u3a Day working group meeting. R Jones was not present as not a member of working group. Should read V Hone.
 - 3 Matters arising:
 - The Social Media information document drafted by Michael Kennedy has been read by committee and corrections incorporated where appropriate.
 - Further actions arising from the meeting were outlined by VH
 - Social media press release to be issued beginning of May
 - Coffee mornings to be set up to welcome newcomers and prospective members
 - KN&D Information Posters and leaflets are being circulated for distribution through local shops, libraries, doctors surgeries etc
 - Existing members to be notified of u3a Day details by Beacon email
 - Peter Rookes and A Walmsley to be participating in a local radio broadcast on homelessness and A Walmsley to raise awareness of u3a Day
 - 4 Treasurer's report:
Bank acct balance - £3589.33
PayPal balance - £706.12
 - 5 The Zoom licence @ £119 is due for renewal. It was agreed that we should go ahead for another year.
 - 6 Membership: RJ
167 renewals to date. (67%)
A reminder to be sent to all members covering methods or payment available.
 - 7 Interest Groups: PG
The Gardens group is now active in real time. To date a visit to Winterbourne Gardens and a group walk around Kings Norton Park. Further walks around KN Park Rowheath Park and KN Green are being planned.
 - 8 Mirthy Talks:
The change of format adopted by Mirthy together with the 3 fold increase in cost per presentation is considered too expensive, even taking into account the proposal that we share cost with M&KHu3a. Also, given that the church hall is likely to become available from the start of September a one month gap in meeting substitute should not be too much of a hardship for members. Email to members to be sent out explaining reasons. AK
An option that might provide a substitute is the national u3a website run virtual talks which could be of use. It was decided that Mirthy talks would not be continued.

- 9 Continuation of Subject matter in 8 above:
Guest Speaker Sec. Stuart Andrew has stated that he intends to stand down from the role. He is to be contacted to see if he will continue for a short time until a replacement can be identified. PS
- 10 Recommencement of live General meetings:
The church intends to reopen the hall to general use from 1st September. Members to be contacted to see how many would wish to attend in person. PS/RJ/JS ?
The issue of how we might set about live streaming of events could be established for those still not wishing to attend. To be investigated further. AK
(We will be better informed when the workshop on just this subject has been attended. W/S publicised just after this committee meeting.)
- 11 AGM:
Information regarding re-election of officers and committee members available online. Members to be notified online of the impending AGM. Time table required to achieve necessary dates:
 - 31/05/21 – Motions & Nominations invited
 - 08/06/21 – Motions & Nominations returned
 - 15/06/21 – Agenda & Ballot papers issued
 - 29/06/21 – Ballot Papers returned
 - 06/07/21 – AGM
- 12 High St survey:
A data bank of records and images as been established and workshops held. Future activities being prepared and made available for all groups to use. The original objective of the exercise appears to have been achieved overall from the first year's activities. Consideration is now being given to making the survey a continuous group activity.
- 13 AOB:
Should links to M&KH u3a be developed further? To be considered at a later date to see if a need exists.
Visitors to committee meetings as a part of committee recruitment to be investigated. LB

Next meeting 15/06/21 @ 2.00

The meeting finished at 4pm.