Kings Norton and District u3a

Minutes of the meeting of 18th February 2025

Bournville Quaker Meeting House

Present: Vicki Hone (Chair) Beryl Blood, Lorna Brown, Pauline George, Anne Jones, Roger Jones, Graeme Lanfear, Margaret Lusher, Chris Locke, Val Stowell.

Prior to the committee meeting, the role of website administrator was discussed with Kings Norton u3a member John Milward. John left before the formal agenda began.

1. **Welcome and apologies VH**
   VH welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Pauline Amor.

2. **The Minutes of the January meeting All**
   The minutes were accepted.

3. **Matters arising All**
   Item 10. It was agreed by the committee that the potential speaker about sea shanties would not be booked. **GL**
   GL's meeting with the speaker secretary for Moseley and K Heath had been postponed.

4. **Chair's Report VH**
   The new members coffee morning had taken place, although at tendance was small.
   In future new members would be invited to the monthly coffee mornings, which are open to all.
   VH summarised the new u3a structure of reduced size Board and national u3a Council which are about to start work. She had been working with Jean Jackson, the regional trustee, on the regional meeting to be attended by the new CEO Iain Cassidy.

5. **21st May Regional Meeting VH**
   VH reported that St Joseph's was booked from 11.00-3.30.
   The CEO, Rob Rowberry and Jean Jackson would come for lunch following a meeting at Mosley and Kings Heath u3a. All West Midland u3as would be invited to send up to 2 members. 50-60 members were expected to attend .
   The K Norton events team and the usual catering team would be involved with the arrangements. Jean Jackson would arrange the bookings for attendance.
   On 5th March there would be a network meeting to discuss the details. Costs would be paid **VH**
   by West Midland Region. **VS**

6. **Plans for the AGM VH**
   It was agreed that the AGM would be followed by a cream team. The event would be free to all members.

7. Constitution

It was proposed that the members are asked to adopt the 2021 model constitution.
A majority of the committee agreed that the only amendment should be the period of office for Treasurers, which should be extended to six year.

VH would contact national office regarding the arrangements. **VH**

LB would ensure that the correct papers were circulated to members in advance. **LB**

8. Treasurer's Report CL

CL had completed reports to the Charity Commission, detailed policy documents had not been required.
CL had circulated his report and accounts prior to the meeting.
Balance at 15th February 2025 was £9,210.42p
Transactions were few as potential members were postponing payment prior to the start of the new membership year.

9. Membership fees for 2025/2026 All

It was agreed that the subscription cost would remain the same as last year.
A majority of the committee voted in favour of retaining the Associate Membership category, paying a reduced amount.
Members would be able to pay by cash and cheque, at the next two general meetings, and by bank transfer. Payment will be due by the end of April.

10. Membership ML

305 members and 6 potential new members. ML would send the first renewal notices to Members on 28th February to enable them to pay at the March general meeting if they wish.

11. Interest Groups PG

The first, all member, monthly coffee morning would take place on Friday 4th March at the Bull's Head, Kings Norton Green. Meals would not be available but there were plenty of other venues on the Green, including the Navigation Pub, offering meals.
Committee members were asked to regularly attend future coffee mornings on an informal basis.
Arrangements needed to be made to provide information to members about Interest Groups and General Meetings.

12. Copyright RJ/All

RJ would draw I G leaders' attention to the requirements of the copyright legislation. **RJ**
It was agreed that the newsletter and website also needed to be compliant.
The committee would discuss purchasing the relevant licenses on another occasion.

13. Newsletter

VH had spoken to Helen, who would produce a newsletter, prior to Easter.

14. New National Trustees

Following discussion of the statements made by the candidates and comments from Committee members, who had watched the online presentations, the following candidates would receive votes from Kings Norton u3a:
John Blunt, Laurence Wale, Nick David, and Alan Russell. VH would complete the online voting form. **VH**

15. Publicity LB

LB asked everyone to dispose of the business card size u3a cards as they had the old website address.

16. Any other business.

There was no other business.

The meeting finished at 4.15.

The next meeting will be at **BQMH 2pm on Tuesday 18th March 2025**