

Kings Norton & District



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 18 June 2024

Present: Vicki Hone, Lorna Brown, Pauline Amor, Beryl Blood, Pauline George, Anne Jones, Val Stowell.

1. Welcome & Apologies (VH)

VH welcomed all to the first committee meeting of the 2024/25 year, including Val Stowell who was attending as an observer. Apologies had been received from Chris Locke and Graeme Lanfeare.

2. Minutes of the May committee meeting (VH)

The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising (VH)

Item 3 (Matters arising at May Meeting):

LB had established that the deadline for receipt of an advert for the September issue of Bournville Pages is 5 July. It was agreed that she would enquire as to the deadline for the October issue and in the meantime ML would draft up a possible entry, in keeping with the dimension requirements already provided to LB.

LB
ML

4. AGM member's questions (VH)

Unfortunately Allan Walmsley had been unable to stay at the AGM to take members' questions and CL had received questions about payments to National Office.

It was agreed that VH would write an article for the newsletter and text for uploading to the website, to provide more information to members about the wider u3a and work of the National Office.

VH

VS offered to write an article about the u3a online events available. LB will advise Helen Kempster that VS will be writing the article for the newsletter.

VS
LB

It was also suggested that there could be information displayed on a board at general meetings.

ML agreed to make the link to the national u3a website more prominent on the KNu3a website.

ML

5. Committee membership and structure for 2024/25 (VH)

In addition to the roles/membership of the committee confirmed at the AGM, it was agreed that LB be coopted to the committee with the brief of Acting Business Secretary. VH noted that AW had advised that KNu3a could continue without a Business Secretary as long as the committee structure allows all aspects of the role to be picked up.

ML will update the details on the committee website page.

ML

There was a discussion about the possible development of an induction pack for new

committee members. However, it was agreed that they would be encouraged to access the information and advice already available online, including courses for trustees particularly concerning legal, insurance and data protection.	AJ GL
6. Possible Special General Meeting to adopt the new constitution (VH) The committee discussed the difficulties of the current term limitations for committee members and the possible adoption of the new national model constitution. However, the new constitution unamended would present future issues with respect to a 3-year limitation for the role of treasurer. It was agreed that VH/AJ/LB would meet to work up a proposal for a new constitution.	VH/AJ /LB
7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for May 2024 (CL/VH) CL had circulated a financial report for the year end to 31 May 2024 prior to the committee meeting. Significant costs in respect of Beacon (£302) & TAM (£788.64) have been paid, CL awaits request for payment of Capitation fees (£1100). Reserves at 31 May stood at £9,901, and at 13 June £9,617 after payment of further costs. The Gift Aid receipt remains outstanding.	
8. Paypal: future of the account (VH) It was agreed that the Paypal account should be closed. CL to make arrangements for the payment of the Zoom account.	CL
9. Membership (ML) ML advised that there are currently 280 members. Only 3 new members had confirmed attendance for the coffee morning on Saturday 22 June. 4 apologies had been received. It was agreed that attendance of committee members would be limited to VH, LB, PG, AJ & BB. Information about the wider u3a would be provided. It was also noted that emergency contact details from new members should be obtained – cards were available at reception at general meetings and from IGLs. VS noted that it is also possible to draw them off from Beacon(if joining members had supplied them).	VH/LB PG/AJ BB
10. Update on new website (ML) ML had emailed out to IGLs again to offer training and had completed training for one more. She felt that there may be some confusion between website and Beacon.	
11. U3a display boards at St Joseph's (All) The large display boards appeared to have gone missing. It is possible that they have been moved to the upstairs storage space, though they would be very heavy to carry up the external stairs. LB advised that she would ask Sandy Miller to make enquiries. It was noted that KNu3a does have a key to the upstairs storage space.	LB
12. Voting for new National u3a Chair (VH/All) LB will complete the voting form on behalf of KNu3a, recording its 2 votes for Allan Walmsley.	LB
13. Speakers: Future bookings, policy document update (PA/VH) PA had booked speakers upto and including April 2025, as previously advised. She was now looking to book further into 2025 and will meet with VH to discuss possible speakers. VS suggested that consideration could be given to speakers from charitable organisations such as the Osteoporosis Society.	PA/VH

PA has forwarded details of the Charity Commission's advice and examples of other organisations' published external speaker policies to CL for consideration. VH suggested that KNu3a's guidelines for promoting extra activities might serve as a basis for developing a policy on speaker selection.	CL
14. Interest Groups (PG) Coffee Morning Group Helen Kempster had hosted another successful coffee morning, this time at Wetherspoons. 2 relatively new members attended and a few stayed for lunch. Jan & Geoff have invited all members to a coffee morning at their retirement apartments development site at Longbridge on Monday 22 July at 11am. PG will remind members at the July general meeting. Tea Afternoon Group PG is hosting the first Tea Afternoon at Paul's 41, 41 High St, Harborne on Friday 12 July 2.30-4.30pm. She will be advertising the meeting and would like to have numbers so that she can book tables. Italian Group Cinzia has invited her group to her home for a session based around recipes/cooking/eating together in July. Network activities KNu3a Garden Group has been invited to join with Moseley & Kings Heath's Group in a visit to Packwood House NT on Thursday 4 July. KNu3a Birdwatching Group is welcoming Network members KNu3a members are also attending M&KH Poetry, Circle dancing & Current Issues Discussion Groups. IGLs meeting PG to consider possible dates for a meeting in September. 15. Any other business (All) BB has written to the Guardian to inform it of the u3a movement after its article on loneliness of people over 60. 16. Date of next meeting 2pm Tuesday 16 July 2024 at Bournville Quaker Meeting House. The meeting ended at 4.30 pm.	PG PG PG