

Kings Norton & District



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 17 October 2024

Present: Chris Locke, Pauline Amor, Beryl Blood, Pauline George, Graeme Lanfear, Margaret Lusher, Val Stowell.

1. **Welcome & Apologies (CL)**

CL welcomed all to the meeting and thanked BB for hosting it. Apologies had been received from Vicki Hone, Lorna Brown, Anne Jones and Roger Jones. In VH's absence CL was to chair the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the September committee meeting**

Discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising was deferred to a meeting of the full committee in November.

3. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for September 2024 (CL)**

CL had circulated a financial report for the year end to 30 September 2024 prior to the committee meeting.

All large annual costs from national office have been paid and all membership renewal subscriptions received. Reserves at 30 September stood at £8,216.18.

Since then the Gift Aid claim plus interest, totalling £2056.33, has been received from HMRC. The bank balance at 14 October was £10,294.

KNu3a's financial position is, therefore, very good. A decision on membership fees for 2025/6 would need to be made in January, and CL suggested that the fees should be kept at the present level.

CL proposed that Charity Commission issues concerning trustee appointment compliance and KNu3a policies be deferred for discussion to the November committee meeting.

GL noted that he had made enquiries about the costs for hiring the St Laurence pastoral centre – the hall hire is £22 per hour; the large room can accommodate about 60 people and there are smaller rooms that might be suitable for IGs. There is parking, but not as much as at St Joseph's.

4. **Membership (ML)**

ML advised that there have been 2 new members join, and she had just had an email enquiry concerning membership.

RJ had recently emailed IGLs concerning Beacon records for group members. IGLs should be alert to group members attending where Beacon records indicated that they had not renewed their u3a membership.

5. **Constitution**

In the absence of VH, LB and AJ the item was deferred for discussion at the November meeting.

6. General meetings (GL/PA) Roger Butler has confirmed his talk on Canal History & Heritage for 5 November. He will provide details on the day for payment by BACs. Total fees & travelling expenses £125. Speaker for May 2025 to be confirmed. GL to book speakers for July/September/October/November 2025 as previously agreed.	GL
7. December meeting – Christmas Party (All) It was agreed that there would be a charge for those attending - £5 as per 2023. Whilst KNu3a's financial position did not make charging critical, it was necessary to limit numbers for health & safety reasons and it was considered inappropriate for members attending the event to be subsidized by members who could not. Food and tea/coffee would be provided; but as last year mulled wine cannot be provided because of charging for attendance at the event. The Sign Language IG will be signing to carols (printed sheets to be provided in addition to planned projection slides). In addition there would be a raffle (free ticket on admission) and a quiz. PA will ask RJ if he and/or Monica could prepare a quiz, which ML advised she would be willing to present. ML offered to write out to members about the November general meeting and the Christmas Party if VH would find that helpful. PA had been asked to feedback from the committee meeting to VH and will ask her to confirm that ML should go ahead and email/write to members accordingly.	PA/RJ PA ML
8. Network (VS) VH & VS had met with their counterparts from the South Birmingham Network. VS had circulated a Network Statement agreed with the representatives from Harborne & Edgbaston and Moseley & Kings Heath; to be agreed by the u3as. Each Network u3a will have a dedicated Network Coordinator. VS also to act as contact point for the Region Network. VS questioned the availability of a KNu3a Members Code of Conduct. ML advised that there was a relevant document on the website, and that she would rename it as such. VS noted that M & KH u3a had done more work on its complaints procedure than KNu3a. KNu3a needs to identify a person to be responsible for complaints. The Network u3as had agreed to share speaker details and for the Speaker Secretaries to liaise with each other.	ML
9. AOB None	
10. Date of next meeting 2pm Tuesday 19 November at Bournville Quaker Meeting House The meeting ended at 4.00 pm.	