Kings Norton and District u3a

Minutes of the committee meeting of Tuesday 19th November 2024

This meeting took place via Zoom due to the poor weather conditions.

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

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

2. **Minutes of the October committee meeting** VH
   The minutes were accepted and agreed that they be posted on the website.

3. **Access to the minutes: confidentiality advice** RJ
   After discussing various options about how to make the minutes available to the members, it was agreed that the minutes would still be posted on the website. However, at the committee meeting at which the minutes were accepted, it would be recorded in the minutes that they should be made publicly available. No specific members, outside the committee, would be named.

4. **Matters arising** VH
   Discussion of the constitution would be deferred to a later date.
   Speaker Policy: during the meeting ML identified that national policy regarding donations meant that money could only be given directly, by a u3a, to local charities with similar objectives to u3a.
   VH
   VH would contact Graeme to discuss the implications for booking an RNLI speaker.
   Network: VS would raise using the network, for support regarding complaints, at
   the December meeting. GL might find liaising with the network regarding speakers
   useful.

VS

Chair's Report VH
VH and PG had attended the Stirchley Baths coffee group to publicise u3a. Several people expressed an interest in attending u3a meetings.

5. **Treasurer's Report** CL
   The accounts were looking very healthy, all bills were paid and the gift aid had been
   received from HMRC, with interest.
   BQMH would be increasing the rent charged but CL advised that any group with a small deficits should continue to be supported to use the venue, rather than look for alternatives. Each interest group will be asked to sign a separate contract with BQMH, applies from 1st January.

6/7 Policy Documents and C C forms CL

CL

CL would bring the annual Charity Commission forms for the committee to sign to the December committee meeting and review the outstanding policy documents.

8. **Membership** ML
   9 new members had joined in the last month. Total now 296.
   It was agreed that a new members coffee group should be arranged for January or February.

9. **Interest Group** PG
   PG had arranged three different Christmas lunches for the members of her groups**.**

10. **Beacon, membership and interest group attendance**. RJ
    All the interest group registers were now up to date. RJ suggested that, when network members approach PG about joining a K. Norton interest group, he is included in the correspondence, and he can insure that new name is added to relevant group register.

11. **Arrangements for the Christmas party** All
    RJ had compiled the quiz questions, which he would forward to ML for her to read at the party. 67 booked, 64 paid, (10 less than 2023), absent catering team to be refunded. ML would remind members who had not yet booked. Catering for 80, 6 in the band (£100 fee). 15 raffle prizes, 5 x £5 cash prizes. 8 tables of 10. Events team to collect platers. Agreed: no Xmas cake, no samosas, no crisps, no mulled wine.
    ML to check if special dietary requirements.

ML

No tea or coffee at the beginning, band performance to be each side of interval. 1st and 2nd prizes for quiz teams. Request from BSL singers for word sheets for audience participation. Hall booked 1.00-4.00.

12. **South Birmingham Pages** LB/all
    ML would contact the editor to check that the advert had been included, cost £170. Two half page adverts.
    ML

13. **Any other business**.
    VH would contact members about the Fit for the Future plans and new Council structure
    VH