

WOLDS U3A COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 04.03.16

1. Present:

S. Adamson, D. Bannister, P.Casson, B. Kavanagh, W. McKintyre, M. Killin,
J. Pickering, T. Pickering, K. Taylor, H. Walker.

Maureen Blackwell attended by invitation.

2. Apologies:

T.Carrick, A. Dymond, D. Holman.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

a) **25th Anniversary celebrations:-**

Jean and Trevor were thanked for all their hard work in organising this enjoyable event. A variety of comments were fed back.

b) **Asset management:-**

Peter to ask Group Leaders to bring details of each group's assets to the forthcoming meeting in April.

c) **ACCORD:-**

David B and Susan hope to attend the next meeting.

If we decide to join the ACCORD members will be able to join up to 2 groups in another U3A [providing that the activities are not available within their own U3A] without paying U3A two membership fees.

d) **Charitable Status:-**

As part of the Third Age Trust we are definitely a charity.

5. Communications:

- An 'annual return' form has been received.
- Details of national workshops to be put on noticeboard.
- A comment from a member was passed on that, because they had no internet access to pick up the newsletter, they were unaware of what was happening within our U3A. It was pointed out that the newsletter is posted to **all** members without an email address. At the next monthly meeting **David B** to encourage everyone to READ the newsletter.

6. Membership:-

- Current membership 433.
- Marilyn Casson is interested in the role of Membership Secretary and has met with Susan to discuss the role.
- A misleading email had been received which appeared to be from a member wanting to start a new group. On checking with the Membership Secretary this person was not a member and, on closer inspection, was actually selling equipment. Susan emphasised the importance of always checking against the records.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

Not available.

8. Group Coordinator's Report:-

A Group Leaders' Meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 21st April, at 2pm at the Community Centre. All available committee members to attend please. Items to include-

- i] The Group Leader Packs as there have been some concerns voiced.
- ii] Askham Bryan event.
- iii] Biennial Open Meeting in September.

9] Any Other Business:-

- **Computers:-**

It was decided that the Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Newsletter Editor should all have U3A computers. Only that of the Membership Secretary is up-to-date so Keith is to investigate purchasing 3 new ones and bring ideas to the committee. Suitable discarded ones could then be stored at the Community Centre for use by groups.

- **Committee Reference File:-**

This has been issued by TAT. Various opinions were expressed. We need to digest it and extract the essential parts!

- **Committee 'Back Up':-**

This was briefly discussed again. Keith pointed out that he will be missing from October 2016 to January 2017. Agenda item for next time.

- **Committee Membership:-**

A suggestion was made that the Group Leaders might have a representative on the committee as this could help with communication.

- **Driffield Partnership:-**

Margaret represents us at this and asked if anyone else would like to take over the role. As we know little about it we suggested that the some-one might come and speak to either the committee or the monthly meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY 01.04.2016 at 11.00am.