

WOLDS U3A COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 3rd November 2017, at Cass Hall.

1. Present: M. Blackwell, G. Carrick, T. Carrick, P. Casson, J. Dunn, P. Dunn, B. Kavanagh, M. Killin, J. Robson, T. Robson, K. Taylor, H. Walker.
2. Apologies: All members were present.
3. Minutes of 06.10.17: 12 [b] and [c] to be deleted. The minutes were then signed as a true record.
4. Matters Arising 06.10.17:
 - [a] **Review of the Constitution:** Since the last Monthly Committee meeting the Sub-Committee has produced a draft which was discussed and amended at a Special Committee Meeting on 23.10.17. [Minutes circulated]. Further points raised at today's meeting:
 - i] M. Blackwell has contacted TAT and established that they need to see the draft constitution before it goes to our members.
 - ii] This means that a decision must be made re the change of name. It was proposed by P. Dunn and seconded by M. Blackwell that the name be "Driffield and Wolds U3A". This was agreed by the committee [11 to 1]. Members will be asked for any objections at the monthly meeting and via their group leaders [FAO P. Casson]. Objections to the Secretary by November 28th.
 - iii] Terms of Service on the Committee – The Secretary to contact TAT for clarification in tweaking Option 3 to suit our requirements. [FAO J. Robson] It was agreed that we must find ways to generate interest in joining the committee.
 - b] **Group Financial Rules:**
 - i] J. Dunn asked again why the up-dated sheet had not been presented to the committee before being given to group leaders. She queried several points on it. M. Blackwell noted these and will respond in full at the next Committee meeting.
 - ii] Once again there was a long discussion about the use of monies paid in to the groups. An email received from TAT did not help much.
 - iii] J. Robson proposed/ K. Taylor seconded that the amount of cash held within a group should be increased to £200. [agreed 7 votes to 5]
 - c] **Database:** The committee met with representatives of both the Beacon and the Swanland systems on 18th October 2017. Today various opinions were expressed including ease of use, security issues, storage of more information than needed. The outcomes are that-
 - i] the Membership Secretary will continue to use the current system which serves the purpose satisfactorily.
 - ii] the newsletter editor/website master will use the Swanland system.
5. Communications: None
6. Secretary's report:

November Report - Secretary
Correspondence from YAHR re Workshops
York 24th November "Sharing best Practice" I have saved 2 places---who would go to represent our U3A ? -----I have now cancelled these.
Social Media 5th February at Doncaster---- I feel these meetings an asset to our knowledge for our U3A ---names please?
Flyers for both workshops passed around.

7. Treasurer's Report:
 - a] The monthly sheet was tabled.
 - i] It was commented that the deposit account holds over £7,000 and perhaps we need to decide how some of this should be used.
 - ii] It was explained that the amount held by the Local History group is to pay speakers.
 - iii] It was the meeting's feeling was that magazine subscriptions were educational and should come from U3A funds rather than group monies. [M. Blackwell to clarify]
 - iv] As requested a pie chart has been produced showing the break-down of the £10 annual subscription.
8. Membership Report: 433 members.
 - i] It was suggested that the Membership Secretary takes the roll call at the monthly meeting using a full list of members. This will release the Chairman to circulate.
 - ii] It was also suggested that Group Leaders ask to see membership cards at the first meeting after a break.
9. Group Liaison: P. Casson has visited several groups. The main concern seems to be finance.
10. Publicity: P. Dunn and K. Taylor had attended a day focussing on Publicity/ Newsletters. There were 8 useful sessions + time for feedback etc. As a result we have a new brighter newsletter format. Mixed reviews but its early days! Careful proof-reading was mentioned.
11. ACCORD: **Accord** meeting Ted and Jan Robson represented and found sharing problems can be helped by sharing information. I.C.E cards for people without mobile phones and the necessity of knowing a contact number in case of "a problem"
Carer policy was discussed and thought it needed to be implicated to cover our U3A.
Loneliness was discussed and how much U3A gets involved---offer advise to members re community leaflets.
The Constitution revamp both Beverley and Hornsea are sorting theirs out, Barnsley member was thought to be a good idea when time is right.
TAT-AGM-CHARITY COUNCIL is the order to do it.
Jan mentioned the Driffield Show and positive reaction towards involvement -To be discussed at next ACCORD meeting.
Next meeting 29th January 2018 same venue, these meeting are open to 2 committee members
Our welcome pack to be taken then.
12. Any Other Business:
 - a] Procedures and Etiquette: We were reminded again that committee meetings should be conducted in a better manner. Contributions should be directed through the Chairman and listened to courteously.
 - b] M. Blackwell reported a phone call from the table-tennis group.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, 1st December 2017, at 9.30am at CASS HALL