

**Verwood u3a Committee Meeting  
The Hub Verwood  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Apologies:** LH. JD

**Present:** DN, HJW, JCM, JBM, JT, TW,

TW was welcomed as a new Committee member

JD is unable to attend today. At the AGM she had been proposed as assisting JBM working towards the role of Treasurer. She has decided she does not want this role at present, although she will serve on Committee..

**Matters Arising:**

None

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Matters discussed</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person</b>
1. Chair report	<p>41 members had attended the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> October. There was a good response at AGM although there were sound problems which have since been resolved. AGM minutes will be available to all on the Website.</p> <p>Member PT raised the issue of the cost of venue hire and income and suggested that the Committee look at charging more for groups that cost more to run.</p>		
2. Treasurer Report	<p>JBM had circulated latest accounts. Current account around £18,000. This includes money for Kew trip and Christmas lunch</p> <p>JBM concerned that the Hub hire for October was £13,000 (51%up on last year). This is partly because October is a 5 week month but also reflects the cost of running new groups.</p> <p>Discussion around the cost of some groups – weekly and twice weekly are very costly and there is inequity for members who pay the same fee.</p> <p>JBM has application form for Solar Fund which was suggested by a member at the AGM.</p> <p>Next year's fee will be £50 with possible extra for weekly groups.</p> <p>Fee for joining from January 2024 will be £30</p> <p>Gift Aid anticipated circa £1,800 for the year.</p> <p>HJW gave a vote of thanks to JBM for his constant hard work and producing such comprehensive reports</p>	<p>We need to consider the fee structure for next year to reflect real cost of frequent groups</p> <p>Apply for grant</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JBM JCM</p> <p>JBM</p>

3. Membership Report	Currently 318 members, 78 new to u3a. TW will be taking on role of Membership Secretary. JCM is completing update of database. We will then contact Beacon to set up and run a pilot alongside our current system.	JCM and JT will work alongside TW to transfer information from current database to Beacon	TW JCM JT
4 Groups and Venue Hire	<p>DN has been very busy with new groups and booking venues for the rest of the year.</p> <p>DN and JCM have met with new Group Leaders for:  <b>Astronomy</b> (Mark Hardaker) Thurs eves 6.30 – 8.30 at The Hub from 11th January  <b>Sugarcraft</b> (Fiona Webb) from 8<sup>th</sup> January x 6 sessions  <b>The Eye and Vision</b> (Tony Wilson) from January x 4 sessions  <b>Pickleball</b> (Sarah W ) Monday mornings</p> <p>There is a problem with the floor of the Badminton Courts we use, only 2 in operation at present – due to be fixed at Easter.  We may have to delay start of Pickleball until then. But we can do a public launch in March.</p> <p>HJW gave a vote of thanks to DN who has worked tirelessly and very responsively to meet the needs of groups and their leaders.</p> <p>DN said that offering a set of sessions has worked very Well and is a popular format for members who do not have to make such a commitment. Geology has been a very successful, well attended set of presentations.</p>	<p>DN continuing to try to find a venue for Pickleball.</p> <p>Plan launch of Pickleball at Easter with publicity ++</p>	<p>DN</p> <p>DN</p>
5 Meetings 2024	<p>DN will look at most suitable dates – possibly Wednesday mornings and email Committee members of dates for next year.</p> <p>We will plan for monthly 90 minute meetings and cancel if we do not need to meet.</p>		