

Verwood u3a Committee Meeting
The Hub Verwood
24th January 2024

Present: LH, JBM, JT, JCM, HW, DN, JD, TW

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th November 2023 were accepted.

Matters Arising: None

Agenda Item	Matters Discussed	Action	Person
1. Chair report	<p>National U3A third age trust has a board taken from the local U3As, which looks at governance and strategy. It has been proposed that a U3A committee made up of members of the local U3As from each region is established to provide to the Board feedback on the issues being faced.</p> <p>The Charity Commission submission has been completed.</p>		JCM
2. Treasurer Report	<p>JBM has circulated the accounts as at the end of December. Subscriptions are up 75% on last year. There is a surplus of £815 however; the costs associated with the geology trip have not been received. The bank Balance is approximately £14000, last year it was £9000.</p> <p>The expectation is that we will break even or have a small surplus this year.</p> <p>The gift aid application will be submitted in February and is expected to be about £2000.</p> <p>The raffle at the Christmas lunch made £205.</p> <p>It was agreed to delay the application for funding from the Solar Farm community fund until the next financial year. JBM has the details.</p>		JBM
3. Membership Report	<p>Currently there are 343 members. TW now has access the Barclays account and is waiting for a card reader.</p>		
4, Venues and Groups	<p>The walking group is now active. The Leader requests first aid training as he</p>	<p>DN to follow up on FA training available</p>	DN

	<p>wants to take a small group to the Brecons in April.</p> <p>New Venue fees will come into effect soon.</p> <p>At present the Hub charges us a very favourable rate which will incur 5% increase from April. However if we request a specific room, we may to pay the full Commercial rate.</p> <p>A group leaders meeting is to be scheduled for the summer.</p>	<p>with the council</p> <p>DN to clarify the fees for specific rooms if required.</p>	<p>DN</p>
5. Publicity and Communications	<p>Forest FM is ongoing.</p> <p>The Lucky Ball is still generating income but HJW suggests that we promote this to new members.</p>		<p>HW</p>
6. Website	<p>HJW raised the possibility of selling advertising space on the website. JCM said there is information relating to this on National u3a website</p> <p>JCM tabled a report from the webmaster JT requested a graphs to show usage and trends of website.</p>	<p>HJW to investigate feasibility and appropriateness.</p> <p>JCM to discuss with GM</p>	<p>HJW</p> <p>JCM</p>
7. Beacon	<p>A test site is being established for the committee to test Beacon. There will be a cost of £1 per member per year for Beacon. It was agreed that this would proceed.</p> <p>Committee members will try out the site</p>	<p>JCM to look at the contracts</p> <p>JCM will ask GM to email a link to our Beacon test site</p>	<p>JCM</p> <p>JCM</p>
8. Summer Term Fee Charging	<p>The fee for new members joining in the summer term will be £20.</p> <p>Astronomy incurred a charge due to the peak time fees for venue hire in the evening.</p> <p>From September Verwood U3A will fund 22 meetings for fortnightly groups. Anything beyond this will be self-funding.</p> <p>Membership Fees for September will be : £50 basic membership £60 for weekly meetings £70 for twice weekly meetings</p>	<p>JCM to provide a proposed fee structure.</p>	<p>JCM</p>

Folk Dancing	MB is planning an Easter Ball. This is not a U3A event.		
Christmas Lunch	Remedy Oak has been booked for the 18 th December.		
Ukulele Group Logo	The Ukulele group has chosen the name Riverblue. The new logo was shown and they wish to use this at events. It does reference Verwood u3a and will be used at any events they attend. This was agreed.		
Open Day	The open day is planned for July 3 rd . We will invite other Community Groups	DN to invite other groups	DN
Next meeting	Wednesday 20 th March 14:00 – 15:30	DN to book room	