

WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE WROXHAM HUB ON TUESDAY 11th July 2017

Meeting opened 2pm

Present: John Long, Mary Long, Sue Badger, Corrie Mould, Maggie Richardson, Jan Barrington.

1. **Apologies:** Jane Monks, Margaret Cobbold
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**, held on 9th May 2017 were read, agreed and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** No matters arising.
4. **Summer Outing:** 65 attending the outing at time of meeting.
 - a) food: Sue: sponge cake and crisps
Mary & John: Sausage rolls, things on sticks
Corrie: s rolls and sandwiches
Jan: sandwiches
Jane: savoury tartlets
Margaret: finger foods
Maggie: cakes
Di: grapes, tomatoes etc.
 - b) car parking: since there will be plenty of space, and no way of notifying people in advance, this must be left to people's own devices.
 - c) Light background music has been agreed to.
 - d) Will there be wheelchair access? One hopes so, otherwise tripadvisor will be informed!
 - e) Paul Bryant's paintings. Discussion on whether they should be subject to a silent auction or raffled. The latter met with greater approval; Jan & Maggie will sell raffle tickets.
5. **Meeting venue:** John had decreed that the discussion pertaining to this issue last meeting was unconstitutional, and needed to be discussed again. The Village Hall is in the process of being refurbished, and may not be comparable to the Hub in terms of facilities. So, despite the fact that the U3A is paying for the hire of 2 halls, this has been deemed acceptable, especially if numbers remain the same (about 30 per General Meeting).
6. **Correspondence:** Apart from the survey regarding driving licence renewal, no correspondence has been received.
7. **Reports:**
 - a) Treasurer: Margaret reported that the balance at the end of June was £1527.37. Outgoings amounted to £336; incomings were £22 giving a current balance of £1213.37.
 - b) Membership: no new members. Membership remains at 75. The renewal form was scrutinised and updated including a BACS option for payment, the inclusion of a

birthday request (re birthday cards) and the presentation of membership cards at each Interest Group meeting. The deletion of 2 of the 'Terms and Conditions' was agreed upon. Sue will reset this renewal form and circulate it to all committee members.

- c) Website. Sue and John had had an online discussion as to how to improve the website and encourage more visitors. John's email to Sue was discussed, in which he commented on the fact that no minutes were ever published online, plus no open membership was displayed, unlike other U3A websites. He posed the supposition that the members had "no ownership" and were therefore virtually excluded. Perhaps a 'forum' of ideas and comments could be encouraged.

It was agreed that the website was important for non-members as a first point of contact, but that members probably were never going to be enticed to log in. The issue of BCC was raised, and was decided that an 'opt-out' clause could be placed in the renewal and membership forms replacing the 'opt-in' clause currently in place.

8. Reports from Groups.

According to Mary, the photographic group is going from strength to strength and is always "out and about".

The History group, also, is well attended in the outside visits. Ann's desire to relinquish leadership has not been heeded.

The groups that have ceased to function, ie. Chess, walking and Mah-jong, must be removed from the website.

No response has been forthcoming from the appeal to members to think about new Interest Groups, or from the appeal to start a games group or a book group.

9. AOB. a) Maggie Prittman, the new chair at Hickling U3A, has invited the chairmen from Wroxham, Aylsham and North Norfolk to a meeting to discuss the possibility of starting up a North Norfolk cluster. John said he would attend.

b) Neither Maggie nor Sue will be present at the next general meeting. The speaker requires no payment.

c) Sue gave notice that, come the next AGM, she will step down from her committee roles, with a view to leaving the U3A altogether. John expressed his concern that, if no new committee members can be recruited, there will be insufficient committee members to make the group viable.

- 10.** Next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September at 2pm.

Meeting closed 3.35.