

ARNOLD u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 8th Apr 2025

at 10.00am at

The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

In Attendance: Hazel Ward (Chair), Viv Purkiss, Glynis Hunt, Gwen Whitehouse, John Heeson & Pete Hewitt – min

Apologies : Sue Matthews, Ged Clarke, Tina Palingedge, Cathy van Baalen, John Heeson late arrival and Pete Hewitt early departure.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Adjusted Mar mins approved & signed.

Matters Arising: **Glynis** reported that she is in contact with **Notts Network** re phasing out cheques. Lengthy discussion on additional Main Meeting on a more active basis possibly away from **AMC** & at night. Further discussion required. **Ged** will start **Gardening Club** with a view to members then taking over. **Helen** had passed on her **Speaker Seeker** paperwork to **Gwen** & we have found “**The Video**” to play in absence of the speaker. Passed to **Comms Team** for checking.

Group Leader Meeting: In **Sue’s** absence she was congratulated for all her efforts in the **NEW** more informal format of the meeting. Felt it was much better for mixing (not training) and thanks for leaders who attended.

Suggestion Box : **Hazel** advised that from next meeting form put on chairs at **AMC** & any suggestions put into the new **Suggestion Box**. **Paula Marinoz** to collate & report on the suggestions.

5 **Inclusivity** : New role created with suggestions and comments.

6 **Newsletters** : Hazel reported on newsletter & u3a matters magazine being lost from desk at **Main Meeting** & not being passed to **Terry/Pat** for **New Members Pack**. Pete passed 2 from Mar meeting. **Viv** to take to **Terry**.

7 **IT**: **John** reported that he is updating website & resolving any queries. Suggested that the latest copy of our newsletter could be placed more prominently on our website.

- Of those who volunteered for the subcommittee, **Margaret Allsopp**, as well as **Gwen** and **Viv**, from the committee have offered to work with **John** on our IT. A meeting to be arranged.

- maybe Beacon could be separated from the webmaster role?

- **John** discussed migration to SiteWorks. He has already been investigating a potential migration and help we could get.

8 **Shared Groups**: **Hazel** reported the other u3a's working well with Short Lawn Bowls group, where fees paid direct to Daybrook Bowls Club. Any group that doesn't take payment into our u3a accounts but members pay direct to a venue, does not have to report figures to the Treasurer.

9 **Any Other Business**: A. **Drama group** expenses when performing for a u3a event such as the Christmas party. In future, any costs involved for rehearsing for that event, at the venue will be borne by our u3a. These will be paid at the same time as paying for the venue. e.g. the Liberal Club.

- Confirming that the **Drama Group** would never be expected to bear any loss for a u3a event. B. **Glynis** has asked that we look for a replacement for **Pam** to deal with cash and cheques taken by groups, which need paying into the bank. With our current system this is too big a job for our treasurer/s. Action need **by Hazel and all committee members**.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 20th May at 10.00am

