

Arnold u3a Committee meeting: 10th June 2025 10.00am, Salvation Army, Arnold

Present: Hazel Ward (Chair), Viv Purkiss, Gwen Whitehouse, Glynis Hunt, Tina Palingedge, Sue Matthews, Ged Clarke, Cathy van Baalen

Apologies: Pete Hewitt, John Heeson

In Attendance: Kevin Fallon, visiting Arnold u3a member

1. Minutes of the last Committee meeting - Accepted as a true record after removing reference to Data Protection in para 5b.
2. Matters Arising: a. Wifi at AMC - They agreed Arnold u3a can have limited use on a trial basis. Initially for new members: Glenys to speak to Southall u3a re their use of Chip & PIN. We'd need machines with receipts.
b. Gardening Club - agreed to support initial outlay from general fund.
c. Newsletter - Viv referred to a non-member finding a printed newsletter in a local pub after the Main Meeting GW suggested phasing out printing contact details in the newsletter. Action Gwen (& Hazel)
3. Encouraging volunteers: Needing help including: newsletter, main meeting, publicity, meet & greet, Hazel to ask for volunteers in the Newsletter and announce our needs at the main meeting. From July, Barb Eustace and will be co-opted on to the Committee as Assistant Treasurer. Speaker finder: We still need a speaker seeker. Thanks to Gwen, there are speakers in place until February next year. Lots of info on possible speakers. Need someone to co-ordinate
4. Suggestion box: Many suggestions were received and are currently being sorted by Paula who will liaise with Hazel and Viv. Two were discussed: (i) To let u3a members know about other members with serious illness. This has been discussed before and the Committee agreed that to preserve privacy it should be on a need-to-know basis, and any communication should be through groups to which the member belongs/ed.
(ii) Rosie wants more interest groups represented on boards and posters at the main meeting. There was a discussion about limited space and it was agreed to discuss further.
5. Policy on refunds for trips: The policy on refunds was agreed: No refunds will be offered on trips already paid for, unless the space is filled by another paying member or a part payment e.g. an entry ticket is refunded, otherwise there can be too much stress for trip leaders. It was suggested that possible help should be offered to trip leaders. Action Glynis
6. Arnold Local Area Forum: Viv said although she has represented us at the local area forum, she is seeking guidance from the Committee about future benefits to Arnold u3a. Viv to speak to Sue Hillary to find out in what way Arnold u3a could benefit from attending the meetings. Action Viv
7. Arnold Summer Fair is taking place on 21st June. Daybrook Bowls Club will let Arnold u3a have space in their publicity tent. Hazel and Ged to collect publicity materials from AMC. Extra handouts need printing.
8. Oversight of members/group leaders' action: Discussion of Group Leaders' expenses it is feasible to pay. It was agreed that before any expenses are incurred, prior permission must be sought from the group.
9. Move to SiteWorks: Notts Network have moved to SiteWorks as host for their website. Hazel and Viv to liaise with contact. Bob Rotherham and Rosie Allen will also help John Heeson. Meetings to be set up.
10. Any Other Business: No other business was raised.

Meeting finished 11.55

Hazel Ward