

ARNOLD U3A

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 10th Oct 2023 at 10.00am at The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

In Attendance: Sylvia Hale (Chair) , Sue Mathews , Pam Gant, Gwen Isherwood,
Chris Gardner, John Gardner, Gwen Whitehouse, Pete Hewitt (mins)
Guests Lesley Moncrieff(LM) & Cathy van Baalen (CvB)

1. **Apologies** : Apologies from Jean Heeson , Helen Catchpole, Hazel Ward.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** As Sep mins unavailable to be discussed at next meeting
3. **New Members:** Members co-opted LM / CvB to shadow CG/JG respectively. Unanimous.
4. **Constitution:** Unanimously agreed that quorum of 20% be reduced to 10%. Motion to that effect to be put to AGM . HW had suggested that rather than reduce the quorum Online / Postal voting be included in quorum calculations. After discussion it was agreed that this change would not account for the 10% difference. It was also pointed out that if AGM also included talk or became more of a social event that more members may attend. CG asked that Membership of £15 split of 11/4 be put as item for discussion at next meeting.
5. **Financial Regulations:** Agreed to withdraw Item 2.4 & due to concern over printing issues CG agreed to bring back at Nov meeting.
6. **New Members Meeting:** PH reported on his visit . Agreed that should be agenda item. All Website/Newsletter/Handbook changes to be notified to TP/PJ . New publicity leaflets to PJ for pack. Speak to Ravenshead computer guy to assess system status. Are Computer HIT Squad members up to date. Unanimously agreed to send thanks to TP/PJ for their contribution. GI to attend next meeting. Some new members may need Buddy for additional meeting. Discussion took place re naming new members in newsletter. It was felt asking them to stand up at Main Meeting a better option.
7. **Wheelchair Users** : SH/GI raised issue of wheelchair users on some trips. Lots of questions to be considered. It was agreed that for next meeting all items for a Checklist to be provided. Issue of carer to be considered. Pointed out that in itself issue of carer should ring alarm bells!!
8. **Treasurer** : CG reported that we had received £2183 in Gift Aid.
9. **Membership:** JG presented report (see attached)
10. **Business:** GI reported that all documentation received has been distributed. First meeting of Risk Assessment sub-committee had been held with one more to be held.
11. **Beacon & IT:** Nothing to report.
12. **Interest Group Co-ordinator:** SM reported that Singing for Fun now has leader & Aquarobics looking for venue. SM to send letter to Group Leaders to ask for contributions to January meeting. For next meeting confirmation to be required for February Group Leaders meeting.
13. **Newsletter** : GW reported that due to illness no paper Newsletter for last meeting.

14. **Any Other Business** : PH reported that raffle prizes bought to Main Meeting should not include alcohol. Woodthorpe Library now up & running. SH reported that D.Brown has given notice that he will cease running IT at the Main Meeting & shadow to be appointed. Dieter Hecht will also stop Short Walks at end of year. Jean Heeson will also need cover ongoing.

Meeting closed at 11.59 am.

Next meeting Tuesday 14th November at 10.00am.

S. Hale
14/11/23.