

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the
Laura Trott Centre at 1.30pm on Thursday, 18th July 2024**

Steve Sell (SS) Chair	Frank Sluter (FS) Group Coordinator
Stewart Walter (SW2) Vice Chair	Malcolm Luff (ML) Committee member
Christine Luff (CL) Secretary	John Durrant (JD) Events Coordinator
Christine Folland (CF) Membership Secretary	Heather Douglas (HD) Committee member
Stewart Wagstaff (SW) Asst. Program Editor	Andy Smith (AS) Committee member
Vanessa Lucas (VL) Website Coordinator	Brian Peel (BP) Committee Member

- 1. Apologies:** Sue Allum, Peter Harris, Tony Knight, Rob Scott
- 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting** held on 20th June 2024 agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes, not being discussed later:**

Rob to identify and contact members who have already paid £8.50 and ensure they pay the additional £6.50 to meet the current membership fee and to advise them to change the SO date from November to March. – Still pending, CF & RS working to resolve.

Peter Harris to investigate the possibility of providing some piano lessons with a member of the A Train

RS to investigate interest paying accounts

A4 Poster for Tesco Notice board - SW to produce

4. Chair’s Report:

Welcome all to our July committee meeting. Chris Truran delivered another entertaining talk at last month’s meeting. A very light-hearted romp through the stupid antics of some criminals. Most members I spoke to seemed to enjoy the talk although one lady complained; she thought his stories were too fruity or something along those lines – I guess there is no pleasing some.

The meeting was well attended once again and there were far fewer newsletters left over at the end of the meeting this time – just enough to fill a couple of racks once and these soon disappeared.

It is usually around this time of the year when we start to think about arranging a Group Leaders meeting I believe. I think we tend to hold a meeting in the Autumn months usually.

5. Vice Chair's Report:

I was not able to attend our June meeting so thanks to Andy for looking after the speaker and setting things up and thanks also to Steve Gollop to step in and pack the sound system away. It is good to have multiple people familiar with these logistics.

The new version of the website is now well established and Vanessa has continued to do great work uploading photos of group activities that members have been sending in. It certainly brightens up the website experience and I'm sure will prove a draw for any prospective new members as well as entertaining existing members. The story of our recent cycling holiday is very entertaining and it would be great if we could encourage similar stories from other trips by the various groups.

6. Business Secretary's Report:

u3a mailings circulated.

Web contact received from Antoinette Magerou on behalf of her 88-year-old mother and I suggested her mother come along to our meeting on 25th July as a visitor.

Apologies sent to BArts re their AGM.

7. Treasurer's report:

Monetary Assets as at 15th July 2024

Main Account	£8,161.47
Groups Account (Restricted)	<u>£20,339.17</u>
	£28,500.64
Cash Floats:-	
Membership Secretary	£50.00
Books	£5.00
Cash in hand held by Groups	<u>£2,520.46</u>
	<u>£31,076.10</u>

There has not been much movement over the last month: we have received £154.00 for Membership Fees and visitors, less £2.40 for Square charges, as well as £5711 of Group receipts.

Outgoings were £156.00 for June printing, £95 for the June speaker, £377.91 to Andy Smith for a refurbished Lenovo Think Pad, £158.40 to Pete Harris for a Sound Mixer for the A Train, £200 to Stewart Walter as start-up funds for Pickleball and finally £3612 for Group payments.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Christine has produced and circulated a list of lapsed members which is available to GL's to check status of their group members.

We currently have 724 members. At the last meeting there were 20 visitors, 5 new members and 5 renewals.

Heather requested access to Beacon.

Action: Christine F to authorise Beacon access for Heather.

9. RUG Co-ordinator's Report:

Jean is available this month for meet and greet + 1 other RUG. Alan and Ann will be doing the tea bar.

10. Speaker Secretary's Report:

I have spoken to Mike Barbakoff and confirmed the 25th. He will be bringing his USB for a PowerPoint presentation and will be using our equipment. He needs a table please.

I will be at the monthly meeting.

11. Group Co-ordinator's Report:

Frank reported that we have Pickleball as a new group.

Frank also reported that Jaqui Fry has now stepped down from all group involvement. Jaqui Williams has taken over as GL for walking netball.

Jan Speller will take over the new members table at the monthly meetings while Carole Batter is not available.

GL's have been given the list of lapsed members produced by Christine F.

There is a lady offering "Pet First Aid" who may take the community table this month. TBC

12. Website co-ordinator's Report:

Vanessa reported that hits on the new website have come from several countries worldwide and that surprisingly there were as many (several hundred) from "north London" as from Cheshunt.

There was a discussion around copyright of items on the website and Vanessa told the meeting that she is marking our members photos on the website as "copyright Cheshunt u3a".

It was agreed that we should get the copyright license mentioned in correspondence from u3a head office at an annual cost of £67.21

Action: Christine L to ask Rob to authorise payment for copyright license.

It was agreed that the membership list and group photos should be topics for the GL lunch.

13. Programme Editor's Report:

The number of copies last month seemed to be just right so once again we required 600 copies this month.

We need copy for next month's issue to inform members that the Secretary and Chair will be stepping down before the next AGM and that we always need new members for the committee. **(Action SW)**

14. Events Co-ordinator's Report:

All went smoothly at the June meeting. The speaker this month requires a table. Stewart Wagstaff is not available for this month's meeting and has handed over the trusty trader books. The information table needs to be manned – this will be handled by Malcolm and John as necessary.

15. Any Other Business:

- **u3a day: Wednesday 25th September**

Stewart Wagstaff is not available on the day.

It was agreed that we should ask LT staff at this month's meeting if we could borrow 2 or 3 tables from them for the u3a day (note that the day after is our September monthly meeting).

Steve in his capacity of Chair will invite our new MP, Lewis Cocking to attend on the day.

Vanessa handed over all group photos to Stewart Walter to prepare a rolling powerpoint for the u3a day.

- **Christmas Meeting**

Barry has asked if he could play a backing track from his iPad over our sound system. Andy has researched this and believes the solution is to purchase a Bluetooth to jack plug conversion device for approximately £10. Andy will check and purchase.

Action: Andy S to check and purchase.

Peter will continue discussions with Barry to confirm participation by the choir.

16. Main Monthly Meeting: 1.30pm on Thursday 25th July 2024

17. Next Committee Meeting: 1.30pm on Thursday 15th August 2024

The meeting closed at 14.45