

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 6th June 2017

- 1. Present:** Peter Russell (Chairman) Robert and Patricia Mansfield, Toni Smith, Sue Russell, Stella Orbell.
- 2. Apologies** were received from Roger Edwards and Rachael Snashall.

Our new Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

- 3. The Minutes of a meeting** held on 2nd May were agreed as a true record and there were no Matters Arising.

4. Finance.

- In his absence Roger had sent a report (attached in the minutes)
- Over £11,000 in the bank including trip monies.
- Gift Aid refund received. £1300 for last year.
- Recommendations from Regional Treasurers' meeting received and had been discussed by the treasurer and chairman. Further consideration needed re claiming Gift Aid as the National Treasurer is generally against this. Roger to be asked to write to HMRC explaining our system in order to get clarification. Committee to consider the letter before it is sent.

5. June Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker requires projector, stand lap top and screen. Seating will need to face the erected stage.
- John Parrington reciting a monologue at the start before the speaker.
- Coffee rota. Rachael has taken this over and will notify groups in good time of their turn.

6. Provision for Disabled Members.

Robert has investigated a fixed loop system with Expression Media. A loop suitable for the Methodist Hall (50 sq. metres) would cost £1100 - £1500. It is the duty of all public building owners since 2004 to make provision for disabled people and this may help our cause. Peter to liaise with Rev Gordon Webb.

7. New Programme Cards.

Toni was thanked for designing and producing new smaller programme cards which are now available. The cost was £54 for 200.

8. Proposed Management System. No further details.

9. Correspondence.

- Cards advertising this year's conference and AGM
- Findings and Recommendations of the Working Group into the future structure of the 3rd Age Trust.
- Updated Licences sheet.
- Flyer for Festival of Quilts.
- International Links info.

10 Membership Update.

- 331 members at present. 43 have not renewed.
- Membership renewal form has been updated.

11 Wheelbarrow Race Event 2.09.17 Report re progress:

- Gazebo 4m X 4m has been offered, including erection.
- Confirmation of plot received from organisers.
- Banners ordered and bunting kindly made by Sue Russell.
- Plan re the organisation of the space produced in 3 sections - sport, art and craft, educational and food. Display boards identified for these. Simplicity to be key in order to avoid information overload. Leaflets and cards to be available.
- Raffles to be held in July and August at main meetings to raise money for LOROS donation.
- Volunteers for the day to be contacted.

12 Newsletter. 110 copies

13 Other Business. Margaret Lee to try recording group attendances for us. Her kind offer of a smaller gazebo has been gratefully declined.