

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on March 6th 2018

- 1. Present:** Robert and Patricia Mansfield, Toni Smith, Peter and Sue Russell, Rachael Snashall, Stella Orbell, Roger Edwards.

Visitor: Bill Maxted.

Toni Smith was thanked for offering to host the meeting.

- 2. The Minutes of a meeting held on Feb. 6th 2018** were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

3. March Main Meeting

Speaker requires microphone, screen, and table. Stand and mats needed. Audience to face the stage. A wheelchair space to be provided near the front.

4. Methodist Church Hall Repairs.

Now expected to be finished by Monday March 12th so that meetings can go ahead that week.

5. Finance

- £10,000 now in the bank - includes subscriptions now coming in.
- Cancelled meetings mean that the deficit may not be as bad as predicted.
- Auditor Barry Wilford confirmed for 2018/19
- Reminder to go into the newsletter re increase in group charge from April 1st.
- Roger brought the 'Outstanding Service Award' plaques to the meeting which were greatly admired. Roger thanked for his work in having them made. Stella agreed to present them at the AGM if the recipients are present (to be invited).

6. Membership and Renewals.

372 members to date. 180 have renewed (includes new ones from January). 66 renewed by bank transfer, 48 in cash and 26 by cheque. Several gave donations in a bid to cover the extra bank charges we incur with cheques. Sue was pleased with the response to her pleas to avoid cheques where possible. All forms were delivered though this was quite arduous in some cases and could be posted in future.

7. Correspondence.

- E-mail voting had been completed for the 3 proposals by TAT.
- The latest newsletter from TAT had been received with information re various study days and events, none of which are in our vicinity.
- The Legal Helpline has been discontinued.
- Summer Schools are now open for booking.

- Direct Mail Invoice received. U3A magazine to cost £2.50 per household for the coming year.
- New Data Protection Workshop in Birmingham 30th April 2018. Peter hopes to go.

8. Newsletter

100 copies this time. Library amount to be reduced.

9. New Members' Meeting.

Approx. 23 new members since last time. Date Thursday 19th April 10.30 a.m. (Post meeting changed to probably 24th April) Peter, Toni and Patricia to attend.

10 Group Leaders' Meeting.

To be considered post AGM

11 Open Day 14th August 2018.

- Group Leaders to be informed.
- Toni agreed to make a short film of activity groups.
- Publicity to be considered. Digital media discussed - to be raised at Network Meeting on May 17th to see if other groups use this.

12 Other Business

- Network Quiz on Tuesday March 13th.
- Table tennis table now repaired. Still to be secured.
- REMAP cheque of £170 sent but not yet cashed or acknowledged.
- Our website software is to be discontinued in August. New software (possibly from U3A) to be sought.

Next Meeting Tuesday April 3rd 2018 2.15 p.m.