

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 4th Sept. 2018

- 1. Present:** Peter and Sue Russell, Robert and Patricia Mansfield, Roger Edwards, Rachael Snashall, Stella Orbell, Bill Maxted, John Johnson,. There were no absentees.
- 2. The Minutes of a meeting held on 7th August 2018** were agreed as a true record.
- 3. Matters Arising.** The booklet, 'Learning not Lonely' to be passed round the committee.
- 4. Open Day Review.**
 - Fairly good turnout though perhaps not as many as some previous years. People did seem to have a genuine interest in the displays.
 - The layout was not too good as people did not really visit the Film Show perhaps not realising its content.
 - It was agreed to return to 2 venues next year which some groups prefer.
 - 13 new members resulted from the day which was a worthwhile result.
 - Open Day is to be in August next year
 - Group Leaders to have badges.
 - Membership Secretary to have prominent table and to concentrate on new member liaison.
- 5. September Monthly Meeting.**
 - Tim Coltman requires screen , mats and stand.
 - History of Art group on refreshments.
- 6. Finance.**
 - £8,000 in bank. Rents paid.
 - Ukelele group needs bigger space. Church being investigated if hall not available.
 - Broadband cost increased to £48 per month. Group Leaders to be encouraged to use more.
 - Accounts may now be submitted to Charity Commission on answering a long questionnaire!
- 7. Group Co-ordinator.** Hoping to keep in touch with leaders and their requirements.
- 8. Membership**
 - Now stands at 373. From the 13 new members only 3 have filled in Gift Aid forms. Members' tax status to be highlighted in the newsletter in case it has changed.
 - Janet Fanko has shown interest in being Membership Secretary and will be introduced to the processes leading up to the renewal date and beginning with the 1.01.19 opening of new membership file.
 - Gift Aid handover to Bill taking place in stages.
- 9. Correspondence.**

TAT Annual Report received.

E-mail re entering our U3A details for free in the new Oadby and Wigston Guide.

10 Newsletter charges increased to 6p per page. 100 copies this month.

- Advertising boat trips discussed but thought to be beneficial to the members despite not being U3A.
- Newsletter Editor still required. Peter to advertise in Chairman's Chat.

11 Committee vacancies. No further offers apart from those already mentioned.

12 Christmas Meeting.

- Decided to try new format to include buffet of some type.
- Rachael, Peter and Stella to make a plan. To include dancers suitably attired, ukuleles, school choir and individual offerings.
- John Gough to be invited to provide music on arrival and during the buffet.

13 Other Business.

- Learn Something New. 8 people signed up for Astronomy Group. John offered to find a possible speaker from another U3A to give ideas at the first get together. 3 people signed for the Writing Group. Further offers for both groups to be sought.
- John Lawson wishes to relinquish buying of tea and coffee and sugar. Roger to ask Terry if willing to take over.
- New members' meeting date to be considered at next meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd October, 2018 2.15 p.m.