

## BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A.

### Committee Meeting Minutes 26/05/26

1. Present: Michael D, Colin B, Anna M, Chris S, Gwen, Elaine B, Jacky K Visitors : Tony & Betty Etherington  
  
Apologies: Graham W, Gemma G, Dave H, Alan C
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Jacky reported that despite there being a large number of bills paid out during April, the balance of funds remained healthy at around £8000. None of the groups are running at a deficit. Gift Aid relief should also be paid soon, mid-June of about £800.
5. Membership currently stands at 421, with 12 new members recently. The online application form being very successful. This membership number brings the number back to pre-Covid levels.
6. Anna reported that the most recent new group, a Writers group has provoked a lot of interest from 10-12 members. All other groups are in good health as regards numbers. A couple of enquiries from a "personal Independence Worker" on behalf of a client had been made. Decision made to monitor such enquiries. Michael clarified that members need to be independent and no special treatment could be provided by the U3A.
7. Anna reported that as regards Beacon there was nothing to feed back. It was clarified that a couple of queries from members about not receiving emails was down to individual's systems not allowing access to their system rather than a Beacon failure. Whenever this happened individual members would be contacted.
8. Elaine stated that since she started providing cakes for U3A functions in October 2019, she had now baked about 6,000 cakes. All of the committee thanked her for all her hard work and quality of her cakes.  
Trips to Lichfield and Trentham Gardens had been successful. Elaine did note that since having to book a 19 seater minibus for trips she was having to advertise any vacant places to other local U3A groups. Suggestions were made that reducing the number of trips might encourage more members to go. A trip to Knaresborough is upcoming.
9. Group Coordinators Annual Meeting to be held in October. There are now 48 coordinators.  
**Anna and Elaine to liaise as to a date and venue.**
10. Jacky had attended Village Hall committee meeting. Main focus was on hall maintenance, especially the roof. They are hoping to receive a grant to help with cost of a new roof. It was noted that the hall could be closed during re-roofing work and there would be implications for U3A activities.
11. Chris S has had no response from St John's Ambulance about a First Aid talk for members. She is now in contact with Claire Leggett in the village to provide sessions. **Chris S to liaise with Alan C to poll members on interest for such a workshop and then to organise a suitable date.**
12. Michael reported back from meeting he attended regarding copyright. The Third Age Trust do provide several licences for U3A - PPL/PRS for music and MPLC for film and AV . A CLA licence is bought annually to cover materials used for educational purposes. As there is no Copyright Policy at present, **Jacky agreed to produce a policy** and to **check that Village Hall has a licence** that covers functions there. It was agreed that **Michael share the Copyright Presentation** with group coordinators who may be affected to raise their awareness.

13. There will be 3 vacant positions to fill on the committee. Anna is stepping down as Group Facilitator, Rupert will no longer be Speaker Finder and there is a vacancy for Business Secretary. The AGM is in October.
14. Jacky reported that preparations for the Quiz on 5th June are well underway with 12 teams taking part. **Volunteers** required for setting up tables. **Jacky and Alan** to liaise about prizes, table labels and a "Thankyou" gift for Rupert and Sue for their hard work.
15. **Alan to conduct a poll** of members as to interest and a date can then be organised for the NHS talk from Ivy Medical Group.
16. AOB. Michael had attended Annual Parish Council Meeting and reported on U3A activities. He also reported that the U3A laptop and projector are old and in need of replacement soon. **Anna has a U3A laptop** that she can give to Michael. **Dave Matthews from Players to be approached** regarding using the projection system already installed in the village hall. Anna reported that she has been approached by a medical researcher as to canvassing members about how "falls" affect behaviour/life in older people. Decided not to participate.
17. Next Meeting : July 7th in Church rooms at 10am.