

## Wetherby & District U3A

### Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 18 July 2017.

**Present:**, Brian Taylor (Chairman), John Pentith (Vice-Chairman), Pat Harrigan, Sue Addinall, Lesley Titchmarsh, Alan Pengilley, Christine Naylor and Delia Wells.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Sue Jakeman, Lesley Newnham and Carolyn Mercer.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** The Chairman welcomed John Pentith and Delia Wells to the Committee.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2017 were approved subject to the alteration to item 5. Groups, to read - Brian Taylor thanked Jane, *on behalf of the Committee*, for all her hard work...

#### 4. **Matters Arising:**

**Availability of Laptops not being used:** Three laptops are available for use. Two rather older than the third - which is relatively modern.

**Promotion of new group idea for August Memo:** Delia Wells reported this is in hand.

**Review of publicity material including website:** Alan and Brian had spoken with Roger Hocking and this matter is also in hand.

5. **Membership Update:** To date there are 1103 active members of the Wetherby U3A. New members are still being recruited.
6. **Reports from subgroups:** have been circulated.

**Finance and Administration:** The Treasurer reported that all expenses for the Volunteers Lunch and the Direct Mail Statement had now been paid. The Scottish Widows account would now automatically become a Lloyds Account. Signatories need to be altered due to changes voted at the AGM. **The changes proposed by the Treasurer were agreed and forms completed for signature. Pat is to hold a meeting with Clive Springle prior to the next Committee Meeting to produce a budget.**

**Groups:** Delia Wells reported that, due to **Group Leaders retiring and no replacements being found**, both the Spanish Improvers and Map Reading groups looked likely to fold. When groups who are closing are second groups, the idea of joining the groups would be explored. As the payment of group leaders is not in accord with the ethos of U3A, **it was agreed that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting.** As Tai Chi requires a qualified instructor, Delia is looking into how other U3As manage their classes as there might be an insurance issue here. **There are four groups in the pipeline** – Badminton, Canasta, Guitar and Calligraphy and several members are interested. **New groups being suggested** – Philosophy, Improver's Tennis, using GPS and First Aid.

**Events:** Although Carolyn Mercer had given apologies, Lesley Titchmarsh was pleased to welcome her to the Committee with a view to taking over Events next year. **The Volunteers Lunch** had been very well received and feedback has been excellent. The team of cooks did a marvellous job, setting a high benchmark and new helpers have been recruited. **Future Volunteers Lunches - It was agreed that a regular booking be made at the Kirk Deighton Village Hall for the first Tuesday in July. 2018 Anniversary Lunch – It was agreed that the Bridge be booked again for 2018 at a date to be arranged by Lesley after the Ireland visit dates have been agreed.**

**Meetings:** Christine Naylor reported that the **AGM** went smoothly and the Quiz and afternoon tea were much appreciated. The numbers attending the meeting only just achieved the necessary quorum and this should be noted. **A small sub-group is to be formed to discuss the Constitution, Sue Jakeman and Brian will liaise about this.** A provisional booking made at the Engine Shed for the **Christmas Showcase** on 13 December 2017 **was agreed.**

**Communications:** **The Newsletter** will be a bumper issue and will be sent out on 24 July. **The New Member Meeting** had an attendance of twenty. Six members did not attend and four sent apologies. **The six not attending will be followed up by Lesley.** The Next New Member Meeting will be on 17 November 2017. **Tri-fold pamphlets – It was agreed that 500 pamphlets would be printed after some minor alterations.** **A1 frame for Ethos Statement – It was agreed that a new frame be purchased.**

## **7. Any Other Business:**

**Wetherby Activities Day – Saturday, 9 September 2017.** Volunteers are required to man the U3A stand for a period of 5 hours between 10am and 3pm – **Lesley and Alan to liaise with Brian to organise this.**

**U3A National Conference in Nottingham** is to be held at the East Midlands Conference Centre from 29 – 31 August 2017. The Course Fee and Accommodation will be £210. **It was agreed that U3A will pay expenses if anyone wishes to attend. Brian to approach Lesley Newnham to see if she wishes to represent Wetherby U3A.** Sue Stokes from Barnsley U3A has offered to be the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Trustee. She is the only candidate. Brian will complete and submit the online form in support.

**Next Committee Meeting – 5 September at One Stop Centre. John Pentith agreed to Chair the meeting in Brian's absence.**

The Meeting closed at approximately 10.50am.