

Minutes of u3a meeting on 16th May at 10.30 at Abbey Row

Present: JS (chair), LM, PS (left at 11.30), LH, RA, MC, HH, AG, RS(left at 11.15)

In attendance: Katy Ayrton (KA) – left after her presentation

The appointment of Roy Sandbach to the committee was proposed by HH and seconded by PS and agreed by the committee. RS was welcomed to the committee.

KA gave an informal presentation to the committee on the use of a domain name for this branch, registering as a digital charity, and setting up emails which reflect the role rather than the individual. The associated cost will be in the region of £18/£19 annually. We agreed to register as u3a4border.org PLEASE CONFIRM THIS IS CORRECT. KA's business has very generously offered to pay for all the set up costs. The committee thanks KA for her time and help and requested that our thanks was passed on. And thanks to AG for 'organising' KA

Minutes of 18th April : these were approved with minor changes the addition of r after LM's name, removal of E at the end of Keen and Pollock House should read Pollock Estate.

Matters Arising : JS circulated a laminated guide to setting up the sound system in the Rugby Club

Chair's report: JS had circulated a report prior to the meeting. JS held an induction session for RS and TB

A zoom meeting was organised by RA to set up a new system to allow new (and existing members) to register online. This will become operational from August and for renewals from September.

There was discussion on the 'Thank You' tea party, whether or not this should be an annual event and potential cost. RA will separate out the cost in the accounts and JS will raise at the AGM, with the decision to hold further such events taken each year. We agreed that Save the

Date (29th August) should be sent to group and deputy leaders, to ascertain numbers.

Treasurer's report: the latest report had been circulated on 4th May.

Group co-ordinator's report: a report had been circulated. There was plenty of interest in a new Line Dancing group, but so far no-one had offered to be leader.

Travel group – the coach to the Pollock Estate is full and there is a waiting list.

Secretary's report: there was full access to the rugby club sound system at the last monthly meeting.

Membership report: a report had been circulated. Associate membership was discussed and will be raised at the AGM

(Welcome to new members will be discussed at the next meeting.)

Abbey Row Strategy: JS has received a considerable number of emails expressing concern about the possible closure of Abbey Row. Individual members are being encouraged to write to local councillors. A meeting of Abbey Row users has been organised on 28th May. JS and others will attend. JS to contact u3a 'head office' to ask for clarification on what as a branch we are allowed to do.

Forth coming meetings: summer social – quiz, play reading, JS to ask Nic Stephanz to sing (done and agreed). We need 4 rectangular tables, 10 tables and chairs with access from 10.30.

6th Nov monthly meeting is on Slow Food

AOB: there was none.