

Minutes of u3a committee meeting on 18th April 2025 at 10.30 at Abbey Row.

Present: JS (chair), LM, RA, AG, MC, LH, HH

Apologies: PS

In attendance: Sally Keene and Roy Sandbach

The appointment of Tania Bridges to the committee was proposed by RA, seconded by AG and agreed by the committee. TB was welcomed to the committee.

Minutes of 21st March: were approved and will be loaded onto the website.

Matters Arising: Suggestion box – two have been received and covered under Chair's report

Replacement laptop – to be deferred until one is required

Sound system – covered under chair's report

Replacement banners – look good and are more robust than previous ones. Putting them up/down is a 2 person job.

Thank you email sent to Jane Nimmo for a great talk.

Letter from RFC received after double booking,

Chair's report: This had been circulated prior to the meeting. JS had received a request from the traditional music group to hold a paid event in August. JS replied that u3a did not normally hold paid events and August was our 'holiday' month.

At the last monthly event, the office at the KRC was locked, preventing access to the controls of the sound system. This system enables good sound across the whole room. It was agreed that LH should write to the KRC requesting a key to the office.

There was a discussion regarding opportunities to use other venues.

A Thank you tea for group leaders, deputies, etc was discussed. LH offered to old the event at her house on 29th Aug with brought in catering.

Treasurer's report: RA had circulated a report prior to the meeting. As at the end of March, there was £2617 in the bank but there is no income until the receipt of membership subs in August. With expected outgoings, the bank balance is likely to fall to £1300.

A card reader is being investigated and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Group co-ordinator's report: the astronomy group will reconvene when the leader is in better health.

Travel Group: The annual trip for the whole membership will be on 30th May to Pollock House

Secretary's report: Nothing to report

Membership report: There are 425 members, with 19 associate members.

Further data on the role of associates will be presented at the next meeting.

Forth coming meetings: Summer social – a quiz and music!

6th Nov – Laura Scruton on Slow Food.

Succession planning: TB was elected to the committee and RS and SK would be asked if they were interested.

AOB: None.