

Minutes of the **Emergency Meeting** of Culm Valley u3a
Executive Committee held at Padbrook Park, Cullompton
13 November 2023 at 19.15

Present: Chair, Margaret Chumbley (MC), Business Secretary, Lorna Knowles (LK), Treasurer, Alison Waple (AW), Groups Co-ordinator, Barbie Bradbury (BB).

Minutes: LK

SHL – Sue Hooper Lawrie

1. Welcome

MC welcomed all to the meeting which was called following an email sent by SHL to all cvu3a members via Beacon withdrawing her membership with immediate effect.

2. Apologies: Vice Chair, Janet Bryant (JB), Membership Secretary, Marian Luck (ML)

3. Background information:

MC started the meeting by reading a statement outlining her own position following the email from SHL due to her concerns regarding the forthcoming Art Exhibition at the College Surgery. MC felt that as Interest Groups were involved, funding could not be given from the cvu3a account for material costs. She had sought clarification of this with National Office (N.O), who agreed. However, the other members of the Committee felt strongly that this was not an Interest Group led Exhibition but that the CVu3a had been invited to showcase work by the art sections thus raising the profile of CVu3a as a whole. With this position, funding for frames and a banner could be justified and the items would be added to the Asset Register. It was agreed that N.O had been asked the wrong question but no further contact with N.O would be made.

MC felt that she should tender her resignation as Chair as following emails and calls from members, she felt they had lost confidence in her ability as a Chair.

4. The other members of the Committee in attendance did not accept the resignation of MC and were disappointed with the attitude of some of the members who had contacted MC. It was resolved to write a letter to SHL informing her of the Committee's regret in not replying to SHL in a timely manner and for causing her to arrive at her decision over what was an unintentional misunderstanding.

ACTION: LK and AW will draft
a letter for approval by the Committee and it will be hand delivered asap. after that approval.

5. Date of Next Meetings – Next meeting 13th December at Halfway House, Willand.

Minutes were signed off at the meeting of the Committee 13 December 2023.



LJ Knowles