

Minutes of the meeting of Culm Valley u3a
Executive Committee held at Halfway House, Willand
27 March 2024 at 14.00

Present: Acting Chair, Sue Greenhough (SG), Business Secretary, Lorna Knowles (LK), Treasurer, Alison Waple (AW), Membership Secretary, Marian Luck (ML), Groups Co-ordinator, Barbie Bradbury (BB).

Minutes: LK SHL – Sue Hooper Laurie GS – Gill Sole Willand Village Hall - WVH

1. Welcome

LK welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Vice Chair, Janet Bryant (JB),

3. To Agree the Minutes of the meeting 13 December 2023. The Minutes of the meeting 13 December 2023 were agreed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting. All agreed. LK will sign them off and send to SHL for the website.

4. Matters Arising therefrom –

Item 5 – A formal communication from the outgoing Chair was received.

Item 10 – Committee Meetings will continue to be held at the Halfway House Willand.

5. Officers Reports – All reports and related papers had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Chair (SG) – SG thanked the Committee for their handling of recent events and for their continued work for CVu3a.

ACTION: SG will speak to a member re: email contacts.

Treasurer (AW) – Current balance is £4800.00. There will be no increase in Members Fees for the following year based on this balance. They remain at £10 for Full Members and £6 for Affiliated Members. WVH have their AGM on 28 May but no representative from the Committee will attend. We will leave the level of publicity on the WVH site for bookings as they are as they do have a link to our CVu3a website.

The newly formed Quilting Group received a loan of £40 for the purchase of storage boxes for large items. Loans are available for new groups and the Group Co-ordinator should be contacted in the first instance.

Business Secretary (LK) – LK and ML attended a virtual meeting regarding the Third Age Fit for the Future project. This aims to achieve better contact for the u3a's with head office. This is ongoing.

The CVu3a Complaints and Grievance Policy will be altered to guide complainants to speak directly with the person they have an issue with in the first instance, then the Group Contact there after the Group Co-Ordinator.

ACTION: LK to put this Policy on the June Agenda.

Membership Sec (ML) – There are 197 members at present. All those participating in CVu3a Interest Group must be members in order for them to be covered by our insurances.

ML recommends that the Beacon Members Portal should be used for member renewals only. All agreed. ML keeps membership forms for 6 months.

ACTION: ML/BB will follow up outstanding membership issues. **ML** will amend Beacon Portal as required.

Groups Secretary (BB) – SHL will run two new art-based classes on Colour and Art Styles. Future classes for Art will be at the John Tallack Centre in Cullompton. In 2025 SHL hopes to offer a week of one-off workshops. The Committee thank SHL for her continued support with her Interest Groups. BB will be leaving the Committee at the AGM in September after her 3 years. There has been some interest in the position and BB will follow up.

6. Christmas Lunch – This will take place instead of the 5 December Monthly meeting and will be restricted to 100 Members only. Tickets will be £5 each the rest being subsidised by the CVu3a.

ACTION: ML will make further inquiries as to venues and costings.

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7. Information Leaflets for new members– BB had made some enquiries, and it was agreed to look at a postcard format.

ACTION: LK will contact SHL

regarding some generic content for these items.

8. Amended Constitution - The Third Age Trust has sent all u3a's some amendments for the Constitution which the committee have agreed to implement. The changes relate to making it easier to recruit Committee Members.

ACTION: LK will amend as described

and bring for approval at the June meeting before being adopted at the AGM in September.

9. College Surgery Art Exhibition 2025 – CVu3a had been contacted again by College Surgery, via Norman Moseley (NM), to take part in an exhibition of the creative groups within CVu3a in 2025. The Committee agreed that this is a valuable platform to promote CVu3a.

ACTION: LK will contact NM agreeing

to participate and await further information from the Surgery nearer the time.

10. Charity Giving – u3a's cannot give directly to another charity but can give expenses to a speaker if they do not ask directly for a fee. It is then entirely up to the speaker what they use that money for. It was agreed with GS that if she sourced a speaker that was of interest to the group, but more expensive, the committee would look favourably on having a good speaker.

11. Purchase of Computers for Committee use – having looked at prices, the current committee members were happy to use their own computers and transfer CVu3a business documents via a USB when the time comes for them to leave the committee. If in the future a committee member required a better computer then this would be open to discussion.

12. Date of next meeting- 2pm 26 June 2024 at the Halfway House Willand

The meeting closed at 16.07

LJ Knowles