

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 5th December 2017

1. **Present:** Sue and Peter Russell, Robert and Patricia Mansfield, Roger Edwards, Toni Smith, Rachael Snashall. Stella Orbell.
2. **No Apologies**
3. **The Minutes of a meeting held on 7.11.17** were agreed as a true record.
4. There were no **Matters Arising** not already on the agenda.
5. **Christmas Meeting Arrangements.**
 - 87 tickets have been sold in aid of REMAP
 - 30 children are expected to sing. Rachael has refreshments organised.
 - Liz has bought biscuits. Toni to ensure there are enough for 90 people.
 - Rachael and Stella to help with singing with ukeleles if required.
6. **November Network Meeting**
 - Robert and Patricia attended. The Chairman has stepped down. No replacement to date. Meetings to be arranged around the Network beginning with Glenfield.
 - Workshops to be held at Guildford and Leeds re the Data Protection Act and Safeguarding and Equality and Diversity.
 - Jane Pavier, E. Midlands Regional Rep. is willing to speak at U3As who cannot find volunteers.
 - Network Quiz in March. Rachael to try and put together a team. Entries to be in in February.
 - Network Bridge tournament. Details to John Lawson when they come.
7. **Finance.**
 - £7,500 in the bank after paying rents. Money being drawn down from the Building Society Account.
 - Slightly better Broadband contract has been arranged.
 - Swimming.. Poorly attended. Losing money. We have a year's contract with the Grammar School. David Brooke to consider whether renewal in the summer is cost effective. May move to Parklands Leisure Centre but this would be to a public session and may not be worth doing as a U3a group.
8. **Subscription/Meeting charges.**
 - Discussion took place re the need to increase charges as we are losing money steadily. It was unanimously agreed to increase the charge to attend a group to £1.50 from April 1st 2018. Announcement to be made at January meeting and in the Newsletter. Letter to be sent to group leaders. Possible hardship to a few members discussed. Members to be asked to approach a committee member with any concerns re cost and we will consider action.
 - Annual subscription to remain the same.
9. **Newsletter.** Present numbers satisfactory.

(Robert left the meeting at this point)

10 Hearing Loop Update.

- At the meeting with church leaders it was clear that they did not wish to fund the installation of a loop in the hall. This idea has been shelved.
- Small portable sound system to be tried and possibly kept at the hall/s for all to use. Toni Smith to investigate further purchases. Peter to try at the Village Hall.

11 Membership and Renewals Procedure 2018

- 364 members including 3 from the Indoor Bowls Group.
- Sue had produced new paperwork including a timetable for implementation. This was fully explained and agreed. Sue thanked for her hard work. Letters to be distributed at February Committee Meeting to be hand delivered and distributed as far as possible without using the post, but posting is inevitable for those who live further afield. Members encouraged in the paperwork to use bank transfer in various forms.

12 Advice to Group Leaders. Update held over to January meeting.

13 Correspondence.

- It is clear that most correspondence from TAT now comes by e-mail with occasional mailing only. People to be encouraged to sign up to the National Newsletter if they are interested.
- Committee Reference file to be discontinued. Deplored by secretary who feels it is useful to have a written reference guide that can be available at meetings.
- Date Protection info. to come out to us next year.

14 Other Business.

- Advert in local trader magazine for Indoor Bowls Group - Peter to investigate whether they paid for this.
- 4 diaries still for sale.
- Disabled member who had been unable to attend all year had asked for sub. To be possibly held over.

Next Meeting. Tuesday 2nd January 2.15 p.m.