

ANDOVER U3A COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6 March 2017 – 10am

Held at 102 Springfield Close, Andover

1. **Present:** Pauline Eaton, Geoff Eddy, Jill Hannington, Andy Hellyer, Anne Hellyer, David Rae, and Peter Villalard. **Apologies:** Sally Weeks

2. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. **Matter arising:**

a. It was agreed to shelve the idea of shadow committee members. This subject will no longer be included in the News Letter or the AGM.

b. It was agreed that all committee members should produce notes on their responsibilities and actions required to be taken. This is to be distributed to all other committee members and will be further discussed at the next meeting.

c. The future of the Christmas lunch was discussed. It was agreed that the opinion of the members would be taken at the March monthly meeting and 3 questions would be asked:

(1) Would members want a Christmas lunch in the Fairground hall?

(2) Would members want to have a function at another venue at a cost of £20+ per person?

(3) The Committee is looking at creating a Christmas Lunch group. Anne Hellyer has agreed to be the leader. Would members be prepared to join?

Notwithstanding the outcome of the vote, 12th December has been identified as the date for a Christmas function.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

a. The fund is continuing to run with an acceptable annual surplus of expenditure over income.

b. All outstanding bills are required for the end of FY audit.

5. **Secretary's Report:**

a. The annual insurances and entertainment authorities have been received.

b. The speakers programme for 2017- 2018 has been completed.

c. The Chair wished Committee members to peruse the TAT website for information on the TAT AGM.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** The membership stands at 516.

7. **Website Report:** The site is running smoothly.

8. Newsletter Report:

- a. The Editor is concentrating on the Spring News Letter.
- b. The committee thanked Jill for getting a mention in the Third Age Matters magazine.

9. Group Coordinator's Report: The Choir group has attracted several members and is going strong. The Secretary suggested that they may become part of the RBL Festival of Remembrance in November.

10. Any Other Business:

- a. A new throat mike has been promised for our sole use with the refurbished sound system in the Fairground Hall.
- b. The chairs will in future be put out and re-stacked by the hall caretaker at a cost of £25 per meeting. The chairs will not be put away until about 4pm which will allow members a longer time over their tea and biscuits.
- c. The issue of welcoming new members was discussed. It was agreed that the longer tea period at the end of the meeting would allow new members time to mingle and to seek information from the Group Co-ordinators information desk.
- d. The AGM agenda was agreed.
- e. The possibility of Anton U3A members regularly attending our monthly meetings was discussed. It was agreed to closely monitor members as they signed in and obtain evidence on the size of the problem.

11. Date of next meeting: 29th May 2017 at Geoff's house, 102 Springfield Close.