

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 26th JULY 2017 AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD**

PRESENT	<p>Jeremy Lloyd Chairman (JL), Rosie Allen Vice-Chairman (RA) -also representing Arnold U3A, Jenny Greaves Support Officer (JG), Rita Foulkes Treasurer (RF), Margaret Taylor Secretary (MT), Paul Martinez, Margot Gale Notts. County Contact (MG) representing Beeston U3A Peter Edge Web Master (PE) representing Keyworth U3A & Jane Pavier Regional Trustee (JP)</p> <p>U3As Represented at meeting:- Ashfield U3A Ann Smithson, Burton Joyce U3A Judith Wright, Carlton & Gedling U3A Lynne Jaremczenk, Eastwood & District U3A Chris Niven (Ms), Hucknall U3A B. Saunders, Nottingham & District U3A Jan Bridgeman, Rainworth U3A Lyndon Lowe, Ravenshead U3A Lesley Green and Valerie Ford, Sherwood U3A Lynda Brotherhood, West Bridgford U3A Pat Green and Worksop U3A Diane Graville.</p>
	<p>Jeremy Lloyd welcomed everyone especially the new members who were attending for the first time. The meeting accepted apologies from:- Arnold U3A June James-Barrett, Dukeries Third Age Group, Kate Hall, Forest Town & District U3A Michael King, Mansfield U3A Mike Allen, Retford U3A Chris Clifford, Southwell U3A Lesley Elkinton, Sutton in Ashfield U3A Marilyn Jones and Worksop & District U3A Sheila Massey.</p>
ITEM 1	<p>AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS & ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING DATED 25th JANUARY 2017.</p> <p>Item 5 b) LE sent email to confirm that Southwell U3A were to update the Network on the Support Peer Group on Speaker Seekers which they are hosting. after their AGM in August.</p> <p>All other Action Points were completed or on the Agenda. Network agreed and accepted the Minutes. Signed by the Chairman and Secretary.</p>
ITEM 2	<p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Rita Foulkes</p> <p>Reports had been previously circulated. RF gave out more up-to-date figures at the meeting. To avoid a potential shortfall in the budget for 01.08.17. to 31.07.18. Jan Bridgman of Nottingham & District U3A proposed that the subscription be amended to £25 pa which Margot Gale of Beeston U3A seconded. Members unanimously voted to agree to the proposal. RF will contact U3As asking for payment.</p> <p>ACTION RF</p> <p>It was also noted that:-</p> <p><u>Peer Support Groups</u> would in the first instance be paid for by the “Host” U3A.</p> <p><u>Subsequent Peer Support Group meetings</u> would be organised and funded by the U3As attending.</p> <p><u>Notts. Network Workshops</u> would be funded entirely by:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) National Office, b) National Office paying agreed grant up to £500 and member U3As attending, or c) By all Member U3As attending. <p><u>Regional Trustee</u> – Jane Pavier</p> <p>As there had been some additions to her original report JP gave an updated report which will be circulated with the “draft” minutes. ACTION MT COMPLETED</p> <p>To respond for clarification about the Regional Volunteer's name change to “Volunteer” and their specific roles and training JP would send a flyer to all U3As in Nottinghamshire in the hope that some members will apply to become “Volunteers”. ACTION JP</p> <p>JP asked for any volunteers to help at the Atteborough Nature Reserve.</p> <p><u>3 Year Plan</u></p> <p>Although circulated it was updated at the Meeting and an amended copy will be circulated with the “draft” minutes. ACTION MT COMPLETED</p> <p>JL announced that Liz Wilson was stepping down due to personal circumstances. The Network wished to thank her for all of her hard work within the Network especially with organising the workshops and News Bites.</p>

ITEM 3	<p><u>AGM 25.10.17.</u></p> <p>Information had been circulated giving Notice of the AGM to all Notts. Network U3As.</p> <p>Constitution - There was an additional amendment and the final version will be circulated for approval at the AGM.</p> <p>Election of Officers – Vacant roles were advertised. Members were asked to go back to their Committees and Membership with requests for volunteers to help.</p>
ITEM 4	<p><u>COMMUNICATION</u></p> <p>Following the notes on Communication which had been circulated, JP informed the Network that a new Publicity Officer, Elizabeth Drury, has been appointed. Network agreed that the Officers should contact Elizabeth Drury and ask her to come to April 2018's meeting to update on her role and what improvements for publicising the U3A have or will be put in place. ACTION OFFICERS</p> <p>JP responding to question about the Web Site informed the Network that this is currently being updated and members should see an improvement in the near future.</p>
ITEM 5	<p>There was no ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>
	<p><u>ROUND THE TABLE CONVERSATION - Notts. Network and the Way Forward</u></p> <p>It was announced that the responses received are being collated. Some subjects arising from these responses were being covered today but others will be discussed at the October Meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Publicity</u></p> <p>RA asked the Network for replies to the following questions:-</p> <p>Do we need to publicize the U3A?</p> <p>Do we need to publicize our U3A?</p> <p>In what Ways can the Network help with publicity?</p> <p>A list of the responses is attached. This will also be discussed at the next Officers' Meeting. ACTION OFFICERS</p> <p>RA also highlighted that all U3As had signed up to the "Objects and Principles of the U3A" and all should be aware of them.</p> <p>In response to a request for a new News Bite Editor, Lynne Jaremzenko from Carlton & Gedling volunteered to produce the future monthly Network news.</p>
	<p><u>Peer Support Groups & Workshops</u></p> <p>Paul Martinez gave the definitive version of what a Peer Support Group is whilst Jenny Greaves did the same for Workshops.</p> <p>PM said he would be the person to contact should any U3A wish to set up a PSG for help and advice. He will produce a list of Tips and Wheezes which will be circulated with the "draft" minutes. Keyworth also indicated that they are willing to run a Peer Support Group and will update on the subject in the near future.</p> <p>JG updated members on the November workshop which is now being funded entirely by Michaela Moody from National Office. This will be run similar to the recent one on "Growth Matters". JP was concerned that not many U3As had sent delegates to this workshop but hoped that the next workshop "Interest Groups Matter" would be better attended. It was pointed out that invitations should be sent to U3As in Nottinghamshire and not to individuals. The number of attendees was also raised. When JP announced the contents and who the Workshop was aimed at i.e. Group Co-ordinators and Group Leaders, Network expressed concern at the expected numbers that could well attend and suggested that only Group Co-ordinators, their Assistants or replacements be invited to attend this workshop. JP to contact MM and will report back. ACTION JP</p>
	<p><u>Neighbourhoods & Clusters</u></p> <p>Unfortunately the gentlemen who were due to speak were both absent. Therefore MT gave a short history of the North Notts. Neighbourhood Group which had been in place for many years with 7 local U3As in the Mansfield & District area. There was a reciprocal arrangement in place so that members from the different U3As could go to groups of other U3As if there were spaces. Joint social ventures had been well attended by all with individual U3As organising a part of the whole event. The Group</p>

	<p>had also worked with an event at the local Museum for a week on Well Being. There was mutual support for each other and advice sought and given on several Committee and other issues.</p> <p>Lynne Jaremczenko from Carlton & Gedling was apprehensive about joining a cluster or neighbourhood and although took on board the mutual advice would be helpful was concerned about any Reciprocal Arrangements between local U3As and their U3A regarding Groups. It was pointed out that perhaps by “linking” with other local U3As <u>their</u> ideas on promoting Groups could be extended out to the other U3As and that both sides could “learn” from each other.</p>
	<p>Volunteers & Helpers</p> <p>JL concluded the conversation with an explanation on what vacancies there were and the time scales. He once again asked members to go back to their Committees to ask for help as the Network needed to get a Secretary, back-up for the County Contact, “Volunteers” to help the Regional Trustee and a Vice-Chairman. Anyone who could help was to contact himself or MT as soon as possible. ACTION ALL NOTTS. NETWORK MEMBERS</p>
	<p>JL thanked everyone for attending.</p>
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 25.10.17. (AGM)</p> <p><u>Dates of future Meetings</u></p> <p>Wednesday 31.01.18. 25.04.18. 25.07.18. & 31.10.18.(AGM)</p>

Chair.....Secretary.....Date 25th October 2017
Jeremy Lloyd **C. Margaret Taylor**