

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26TH 2022 ON ZOOM**

PRESENT	Rosie Allen Chair Arnold, Terry Hardman Treasurer Sutton in Ashfield, Peter Edge Webmaster Keyworth, Paul Martinez Support Officer Carlton & Gedling, Jean Hogg Regional Trustee (Southwell). Sue Blackley Secretary Beeston, Jane Pavier News bites editor Carole Harrison PSG co-ordinator Mansfield Gillian Lee Officer Newark John Lewis Bingham; Anne Moore Burton Joyce and District; Nicholas Clark Carlton & Gedling; Lesley Henstock Dukeries; Sue Bryant Edwalton; Carolyn Luckhurst, Mapperley; Richard Harcus Newark and District; Elizabeth Gilder Park Nottingham; Fiona McCluskey Nottingham and District; Lynden Lowe Rainworth; Terry Moore Ravenshead; Sue Ross Retford; Brian Platts Southwell; Paco Saucedo West Bridgford; Sheila Massey, Roger Hancocks Worksop. Allan Bridgewater Wollaton
ITEM 1	WELCOME BY CHAIR & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Rosie welcomed everyone. There were apologies from Margot Gale Beeston; Isabel Martindale Edwalton; Andrew Harper Mapperley and District; Maria Gabrielczyk Ravenshead; Linda Shutt Forest Town; Hazel Stenson Stapleford Paul Fileman Soar Valley
ITEM 2	AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETINGS ON 20th October 2021 The minutes of the meeting on October 20 th , 2021, were approved with no matters arising.
ITEM 3a	NOTTS NETWORK Organisation, Purpose and Structure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Harrison explained the purpose of the document which had been previously circulated. It would be particularly useful in helping new network members to understand the structure and purpose of the network. • Carole will keep the document updated. • The pi chart, produced by Gill Lee, is a visual representation of where the network is at present. • The network development plan had been circulated and will now be called the Notts Network Development Overview Plan rather than an Action Plan. The Plan has incorporated topics raised at the October meeting. • Rosie explained the need to extend the number of members currently in the Officers' group and she thanked Gill Lee and Carole Harrison for joining. People are needed to work on particular tasks as they arise. • The documents will be put on the network website PE
ITEM 3b	REPORTS Treasurer Terry Hardman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrected accounts will be circulated as we have a reduced invoice for January 2020 from St Peter's Centre. TH • Bookings at the Centre have been taken over by Claire Mackenzie. • The Chinese New Year event will be attended by 202 members from 11 u3as. Regional Trustee – Jean Hogg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were reminded of the Peer Support Groups, the Toolkit and National workshops which are detailed on the National website under events. Website update Peter Edge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website is kept up to date and the 'contact us' facility is regularly used.
ITEM 4	HYBRID NETWORK MEETINGS BRIAN PLATTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lengthy discussion took place about whether the network meetings should be hybrid. As the April meeting is a 'social' event it will just be face to face. Hybrids will be considered for future meetings and hopefully a working party will be set up by Brian with help from John Butler from Ravenshead u3a. • A questionnaire will go out to all Network members to gather views and preferences.
ITEM 5	PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

	<p>PUBLICITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events for u3a day/ 40th anniversary are being planned for the Network. There may be a flash mob in the square in Nottingham. • u3as will be contacted and kept up to date with plans as they evolve. CN <p>TREASURERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings have been held with two more planned. On February 4th there will be a Beacon presentation focussing on the ledger facility.
ITEM 6	<p>FUTURE NETWORK MEETING APRIL 27TH 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A social gathering with plenty of time for chat. • Members to bring cakes or similar not too much! • Come with ideas for discussion topics.
	COMFORT BREAK
	<p>LIZ THACKRAY Chair of the Third Age Trust who addressed the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The plans and aspirations for the u3a movement. 2. How will the Third Age Trust help our u3as with these plans? <p>Copies of slides used by Liz are being sent out with these minutes.</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Q. How to get folk to make a contribution to their u3a?</p> <p>A. Suggestions within the Toolkit. When new members join it's important to stress that the organisation is not providing a service, but it is 'for the members by the members'</p> <p>Q. Are people still in full time employment allowed to join u3a?</p> <p>A. Yes, we need to be flexible.</p>
	<p>DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL ST PETER'S Centre RAVENSHEAD</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2022</p>

Chair..... Minutes..... Date

Rosie Allen Sue Blackley