

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16.07.14
AT RAINWORTH VILLAGE HALL (PHOENIX CENTRE) RAINWORTH, NOTTS. NG21 OJY

PRESENT

Jane Pavier, Chair, Jeremy Lloyd, Vice Chair, Rita Foulkes, Treasurer, Margaret Taylor, Secretary, Karen Taylor, EDO and Michaela Moody, Regional Trustee
Burton Joyce Representative, Paul Geeson
Carlton & Gedling Representatives, Eric Rennie, Ian Robey and Paul Martinez
Dukeries Representatives Ann Mounsey & Marilyn West
Hucknall Representatives, Alan Snape & John Tedstone
Keyworth Representatives, Peter Edge & Roy Turnbull
Mansfield Representatives, David Ling and Rita Turner
Rainworth Representatives, Jennie Roberts & Linda Tift
Ravenshead Representatives, Bob & Val Ford
West Bridgford Representative, Carol Williams
Worksop & District Representative, Lorraine Wood

ITEM 1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jane Pavier welcomed members, thanked Rainworth U3A for providing refreshments and accepted apologies from:- Arnold U3A Rosie Allen, Ashfield U3A Trish Tootell, Beeston U3A Liz Barnes, Bingham U3A Rosie Garner, Newark U3A Geoffrey Foulds, Nottingham U3A Christine Baxter, Ravensdale U3A Paul Craddock, Soar Valley Peter Hickling, Southwell U3A Pete & Carolyn James, Vale of Belvoir U3A Gwen McCormack and Worksop U3A Mary Mitchell.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING dated 16.07.14 were received.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Item 5 a) Michaela Moody had circulated.

Item 6 d) Eric Rennie had obtained prices for printing but as there are now several new U3As to be added it was decided to hold-off printing the leaflet for a short while.

Jane announced that Liz Wilson had now tendered her resignation at the East Midlands Conference and would not be attending meetings in future unless she was representing her own U3A. If Liz is involved with any workshops or events and she is the "contact", members were told that they should still continue to contact her. It was agreed that Jane would send a thank you card on behalf of the Network for all of the work and support that Liz had given over the last years.

Jane also stressed the need for a Secretary to take over at the AGM in October. All U3A Representatives to go back to their own U3A to ask if there was anyone who would be interested as obviously the Network cannot function without a Secretary.

ITEM 4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Prior to the Treasurer's Report Jane Pavier announced the Rita was going to do a parachute jump in August for the Charity Help the Heros.

RF read out the current balances of the accounts – copy on file. The Affiliation fees for 2014 to 2015 will be due after the AGM when the fee will be agreed. However she stressed that despite giving out invoices and mentioning at every meeting, some U3As had still not paid the fee for 2013 to 2014. The U3As concerned are Ashfield, Beeston, Dukeries, Hucknall, Keyworth, Newark, Retford, Soar Valley, Southwell, Sutton in Ashfield, Vale of Belvoir & West Bridgford.

She also requested the names of the Treasurers and contact email addresses of all U3As before the AGM. Her contact email address is rita.foulkes@gmail.com **ALL U3As TO ACTION**

ITEM 5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 2014

The Chair explained the procedure which had been sent out to all member U3As prior to the meeting. The representatives of the U3As who attended approved this appendix which is to be attached to the Network Constitution. A copy of both documents will be put on the Network Web Site. **PETER EDGE TO ACTION**

ITEM 6 EAST MIDLANDS REGION UPDATE

Following her report previously circulated Michaela Moody, Regional Trustee, reminded the Network Representatives of: -

- a) The NEC AGM at Cirencester
- b) The Constitution Workshop in October
- c) A Sleep Memory Workshop which is a project with Lincoln University
- d) More volunteers to help in setting up new U3As to contact Karen Taylor. Training and support would be given.

Liz Wilson, Regional Education & Development Officer – her report had been previously circulated prior to the meeting.

Jane Pavier, Regional Representative reported on the Regional Conference which had been held on 15th July. Unfortunately not a lot of the U3As in Notts. County were represented.

Mary Mitchell of Worksop U3A had volunteered to be the Notts. County Rep. on the RRC. Jane Pavier proposed and Rita Turner seconded. Mary will be asked to attend the next RRC Meeting in August.

ITEM 7 NOTTS DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

Karen Taylor, Network Education & Development Officer, reported: –

- a) Following the last meeting the information discussed at the end of the meeting had been collated and passed onto Michaela Moody.
- b) A new U3A had been proposed to be set up at Edwalton but as there was no suitable venue the Community Centre at Gamston will be used and publicity will be going out in the near future with the launch date set for 11th September 2014.
- c) Two other U3As at Collingham and Eastwood had been launched and looked like being successful U3As.
- d) Two Big Lunches had taken place but it appeared that the Mansfield one had not been well advertised.
- e) Photographs of U3A events were required which should be sent to Peter Edge to put on to the Website.
- f) Network Members should also check the media list on the Website to check if any information is incorrect or not on.
- g) Thanks were extended to Paul Martinez who was joining the Development Team.
- h) The Development Team is going to support existing U3As who are already full and with waiting lists.

ITEM 8 NORTH NOTTS. NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP REPORT

Rita Turner, Chair reported:–

- a) Approximately 150 had attended the Picnic in the Park on the 4th June despite the inclement weather. Pictures and newsletter on Web Site.
- b) The NNGG did not have a Constitution operating on friendly Aims & Objectives with a Shared Interest Policy.

ITEM 9 IN-DEPTH LEARNING PROJECTS

As no U3A had anything to report this will be going on to a future Agenda for discussion. **NEW SECRETARY TO ACTION**

ITEM 10 WEBSITE REPORT

Peter Edge reported:-

- a) The “Approved” Minutes were going on to the Web Site.
- b) He had tried to make the site more colourful.
- c) He would welcome photographs and news of any U3A event
- d) He advised that all U3As should put a “Link” to the Network on the registered Web Sites

ITEM 11 NETWORK PUBLICITY

- a) Advertising Future U3A Activities – Live, Laugh & Learn in U3As in Nottinghamshire can be downloaded from the Web.
- b) Advertising U3A Successful innovations –
- c) The Picnic in the Park was on the Web Sites, Mansfield U3A’s 15th Birthday celebrations were in the Third Age Matters Magazine. More articles needed. Please send to County Contact to circulate to all U3As and Web Site.
- d) The Web Sites of individual U3As, Networks and Region should be promoted to all U3A Members.

ITEM 12 There was no **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

ITEM 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING **Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 10.30 a.m.** Venue to be advised by West Bridgford who will be hosting the next meeting.

The meeting broke into small groups to discuss How to Get Group Leaders and Committee Members.

Chair.....Jane Pavier Secretary.....Margaret Taylor