

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2015
AT TRENT ROOM , GRANGE HALL, RADCLIFFE ON TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG12

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Chairman Jane Pavier, Vice Chairman Jeremy Lloyd, Treasurer Rita Foulkes, Regional Trustee Michaela Moody, Rita Turner Chairman North Notts. Neighbourhood Group,
Arnold U3A - June James-Barrett; Ashfield U3A - Trish Toottell; Bingham U3A - Rosie Garner;
Burton Joyce U3A - Paul Geeson; Carlton & Gedling U3A - Eric Rennie; Cotgrave U3A - Peter Binder and Susan Childs; Eastwood & District U3A - Ann McGillivray; Hucknall U3A - John Tedstone; Keyworth U3A - Peter Edge; Nottingham U3A - Pat Smith; Mansfield U3A - David Ling; Radcliffe on Trent U3A - Ann Keen, Anne McLeod and Dave Barton; Retford U3A - Lesley Sumner; Sherwood U3A - Margaret Taylor and Liz Wilson; West Bridgford U3A - Denis Kitt and Carol Gratton

ITEM 1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Jane Pavier opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies were received from:

Collingham & District U3A; Dukeries U3A; Beeston U3A; Sutton-in-Ashfield U3A; Alan Snape Hucknall U3A; Jan Bridgeman - Nottingham U3A; Mary Mitchell and Lorraine Wood – Worksop U3A; Paul Martinez – Development Team; Rosie Allen – Arnold U3A; Bob Clifford - Burton Joyce U3A; Ian Robey - Carlton & Gedling U3A; Mike Allen – Mansfield U3A; Janet O' Neill – Eastwood U3A; Karen Highfield Taylor – Development Team Leader

The Chairman thanked Radcliffe on Trent for organising the venue and providing refreshments and to Ann Keen for taking the Minutes.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING dated 21.10.14. were accepted as a true record, proposed by David Barton, seconded by Ann McGillivray and accepted by the Network Members.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING (a) It was raised whether Public Liability Insurance was required for the use of church premises. Michaela Moody explained that if the hall is available for hire the owners have responsibility for insurance. U3As were asked to contact Michaela if they find any discrepancies. **Action All U3As**
(b) The Treasurer's report circulated at the AGM has been revised and reissued for the year ending 2014.
(c) U3As were asked for a postcode breakdown of their U3A. The reason for this being that Karen would have a general idea where people live when requests are received for new U3As. Those U3As who have not replied should contact Karen Taylor. Karen's email is khighfieldtaylor@gmail.com **Action All U3As**
(d) Karen asked for ideas for workshops . **Action All U3As**
(e) The development team would like U3As to let them know of events or fairs where the U3A could be publicised. Anyone who wants to know the guidance for holding events should contact the network. Open days must be free and open to the public to attract a grant from the Third Age Trust. **Action All U3As**

ITEM 4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jane Pavier produced a report which was circulated before the meeting. Jane has visited 5 U3As. She will produce a report analysing her findings when she has completed her visits. **Action Jane Pavier**

ITEM 5 TREASURER'S REPORT

Rita Foukes produced a report which was circulated before the meeting. All U3As have paid the 2014 fees. All U3As except Collingham, Cotgrave, Rainworth, Sutton and Ravenshead have paid the 2015 fees. The fee is £10. **Action Collingham, Cotgrave, Rainworth, Sutton and Ravenshead U3As**

ITEM 6 EAST MIDLANDS REGION TRUSTEE

Michaela Moody produced documents which were circulated before the meeting. Michaela clarified each document in turn.

- Role of County Networks: U3As should contact Michaela or Jane if they wish to make any suggestions. Networks should be providing what people need. Communication is bottom up. The national U3A provides advice and legal requirements. **Action All U3As**
- Proposed Notts Network Strategy: new U3As are usually too busy to attend network meetings. Hucknall were thanked for their input in their newsletter requesting help to set up Newstead U3A. The benefit of areas liaising between each other was confirmed.
- The Region: Its Activities and its Finances: It was stressed that documents are also on the East Midlands website

ITEM 7 UPDATE FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

A report was produced and circulated before the meeting.

ITEM 8 NOTTS. DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Reports were produced which were circulated before the meeting. Karen Taylor was absent from the meeting and Michaela Moody clarified the documents.

- Questionnaire from Arnold U3A: Arnold U3A wants to restructure their own monthly meetings and would like U3As to complete and return the form. When they have analysed the responses they will share the results with everyone. **Action All U3As**
- Proposal from Carlton & Gedling U3A: Eric Rennie was concerned that the proposal was not being actioned. Michaela explained that it would be discussed in small groups. Carlton & Gedling U3A had hoped that it would be discussed as a whole body. *(After the meeting Michaela suggested to Eric Rennie that C&G should go ahead and begin arranging meetings.)* **Action Carlton & Gedling U3A**

ITEM 9 NORTH NOTTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP REPORT

Rita Turner reported on:

- (a) A summer social will be the next event to discuss
- (b) cluster groups can hold events together
- (c) David Ling announced that Mansfield U3A is arranging an Art Appreciation group event to which everyone is invited. (details are attached)

ITEM 10 WEBSITE REPORT

Peter Edge reported that:

- (a) He is waiting for U3As to send him photos for the website **Action All U3As**
- (b) Someone in Ravenshead U3A is prepared to have a webmaster group in his home. **Action Peter to follow up.**

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Jane asked if people wanted evening network meetings. It was generally agreed that people preferred to meet during the day.
- (b) Rita Foulkes proposed that we meet at the same venue for each meeting, seconded by David Ling. A vote was taken and the motion carried. It was felt that the vote was not representative of the county. David Barton proposed that each U3A has a 'postal' vote to decide if we should meet centrally every time, seconded by Sue Childs. Groups will be asked for suggestions of a meeting place. It should be a large room with ample parking in the centre of the county. U3As need to take it in turn to host and provide minute taker. This will be an agenda item for the next Network meeting. **Action Jane Pavier**
- (c) A new U3A banner is available: The region has one and other would be available from national office.

ITEM 12 GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The meeting split into four groups to discuss various topics. Each group reported back. Details are attached. It is intended to use the results as an agenda item and to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action Jane Pavier**
One of the groups discussed Carlton & Gedling's proposal. People were asked to bring ideas for Eric to the next meeting. **Action All U3As.**

A speaker finder workshop is already planned for 27th February 2015 at Burntstump Inn, Burntstump, off the Mansfield Road (at the Seven Mile Junction) from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Details will be circulated later.
Jane thanked everyone for their ideas.

ITEM 13 The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 10am**. The meeting will be hosted by Sherwood U3A and **will be held at Sherwood Colliery Welfare Centre, Dunsil Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG19 7GD.**

Chair.....Jane Pavier