

Committee meeting November 3rd 2021
10.30am Hillstown Village Hall

Present: Peter Coombs
Jean Hassall
Gary Hewitt
Gill Daly
Stephen Holloway
Wendy Lines
Apologies: Gwen Webster
Jen Sykes

Matters arising: Internet banking: still in progress review next meeting.

Arnold Clarke Grant: Jean has contacted Arnold Clarke and cleared up a misunderstanding. We will check progress at next committee meeting.

Family history: Rose and Julie have taken over running the group and are aware of the funds available for them to use.

Covid risk assessment: Gary to liaise with Julie (of Hillstown) to check the precautions already in place, then we as a committee/group do our best to hold meetings to best practice. We will do our best to encourage use of masks and sanitiser.

An article on Covid and precautions will be in the next newsletter.

Christmas food: Whoever is on the door for the November meeting to ask if the members present will be coming in December. Can we also put a note into the newsletter with Wendy's email address if anyone wants to be counted in for December who might not have been at the November general meeting this will give an indication of numbers expected for catering.

All food provided should keep in mind minimising handling.

It is decided to get buffet platters of sandwiches from Morrisons, Gary to liaise with food for fun/Jen/Gwen etc to source and provide plates/serving platters etc.... and tongs for use to minimise food handling also to ask members to use mask while taking food from the buffet. Serving will be from a table at the back of the hall by the kitchen hatch.

Set up in meeting room/how long to book for?

Fancy hat/jumper to be mentioned in newsletter to bring a bit of festive fun

It was decided not to offer wine but some non-alcoholic beverage like Schloer.

Quiz: Gary to contact Gene Brothwell to ask if she would do a quiz again for us.

Elastic FM: It was decided that Wendy, Gwen and Gary should liaise with Martin (of Elastic FM) to arrange a suitable date and time etc for recording.

French language course: Gill is still investigating this possibility and will report back in due course.

Chair report:

Peter has been updating groups details on the website and would prefer to have more direct email or phone contact details for group leaders rather than the generic u3a details, which he feels is off-putting for new members.

The coffee mornings at the Pavilion are doing well with a few new members joining.

In December the coffee mornings will move to 12 until 2pm and will aim to provide soup and a roll for those interested.

Some changes to the membership application form were discussed, but ICE information will appear on membership cards so not needed on the form.

Peter asks for a reminder in the newsletter of the rules for HVH rooms with regard to arrival time and setting up time and packing up time.

Wendy and Peter will be joining a Derbyshire Network Zoom meeting on 9th November.

Secretary Report

We have been contacted about the Davy Notebook Project which has been circulated to the committee and Rose (as its to do with History)

Treasurers Report

The forms for adding Steve and Gary as signatories to the banking account were signed and submitted.

Membership cost for 2022 will be as follows:-

Standard single £10.00

Couples £17.00

Single associate £3.50

Couples associate £7.00

This takes into account magazine and national membership fees paid at primary u3a group.

Expenses. It was agreed that travel expenses be paid to attend the East Midlands Region Conference and should be at £0.45p per mile.

We are slowly working our way through the grant money given to encourage groups to meet. It was decided to charge Monthly meetings and committee meetings to the general funds and room hire for groups to be taken from the grant money until the fund was exhausted. We will review the fund in January.

Membership Secretary Report:

Currently we have 113 members (plus an extra form brought to the meeting). Jen will be standing down as Membership Secretary at the next AGM and committee expressed their appreciation of all her work over her years in office.

Group co-ordinator report:

Supper club is now running and the Lunch Club is doing well.

Family History has been taken over by Rose and Julie.

A group Leaders meeting is being arranged with 2nd December in mind.

National Trust is going ahead with a Christmas Lunch but otherwise will be dormant until spring 2022.

We will try Flowers for Fun in the spring 2022.

So far, no one has expressed an interest in taking the ACT group forward as leader.

A.O.B. Nil

Next meeting 1st December 2021, 10.30 at Hillstown Village Hall Meeting Room.