

**Minutes of Becconsall U3A Executive Committee Meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
March 2019 12pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre**

**Present**

**Bill Hall**

**Pat Hankin**

**Terry Mason**

**Glenys Mason**

**Gillian McKenna**

**Liz Rimmer**

**Christine Smith**

**Dave Smith**

**Elaine Moon**

**Guest**

**Maggie Johnson**

**Minutes – Sue Wilson**

**1. Apologies**

**Action By**

**Liz Baines**

**Mike Ellis**

**Jackie Pickup**

**2. Minutes of the last meeting 14/2/19**

**Proposed as correct – Liz Rimmer**

**Seconded – Gillian McKenna – carried unanimously**

**3. Matters arising from the last minutes 14/2/19 – not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

**The Chairman apologised for the agenda of the meeting not being circulated one week prior to this meeting as he was awaiting information concerning those items.**

**The Chairman thanked Elaine for the revised opening up rota and hoped that all members had made a note of their times.**

**Bill spoke to Steve Kirby in relation to his visit to Tarleton Health Centre. Steve said it was an informal chat with the Centre's Community Manager to try and promote Hesketh Bank Community Centre and the activities they have to offer.**

**Liz Rimmer will make an appointment with the Health Centre to discuss the advantages etc of being a member of the U3A. L.R**

**Dave has purchased a cabinet for the P.A system and projector at a cost of £35. He will buy a padlock to make it secure. It is in situ in the back room of the back hall. D.S**

#### **4. Declaration of Interests**

**None**

#### **5. Annual General Meeting 25/4/19 – Election of Officers**

**All Nominations for the committee and Motions need to be submitted to the Secretary before 12noon on 4<sup>th</sup>April'19.**

**Nomination forms can be downloaded from Beconsall U3A's website or a hard copy is available from the Secretary.**

#### **6. Helen Jones – West Lancs Voluntary Service**

**The Chairman has received an email on 30/1/19 from Helen Jones asking if she can come and do a talk / stall at a Coffee Morning about the services they offer one being Health and Wellbeing. Bill will reply and arrange a convenient date for us. B.H**

**An email was received from Helen on 6 /3 /19 asking if one of our members would be interested in attending their A.G.M on 3<sup>rd</sup> April'19. Steve Kirby said he would be interested in attending unless anyone else was interested. B.H**

#### **7. Open Day at Booths**

**The Chairman said they had still not received confirmation that approval had been granted to allow us to promote Beconsall U3A within the foyer of Booths on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 10am and 2pm.**

**The Chairman said that he would chase them once again and hopefully have better news to report at the next coffee morning. B.H**

**The Chairman reported that he had been informed by the Secretary that the pull-up banner promoting Beconsall U3A was broken, therefore could not be used on the open day. The Chairman said the**

Secretary had contacted U3A National Office and was told that they did not have a banner available. The Secretary said that he had designed a new banner consisting of photos from our website and photos sent by group leaders, along with suitable text.

The Chairman said in view of the tight time scale involved he had agreed the composition of the banner and that it was expected in the next few days.

(A copy of the banner was circulated at this stage )

There then followed a lively discussion as to the banners content and it was decided to cancel the order.

## **8. Local Life**

The Chairman asked if everyone had received the recent edition of Local Life containing the Becconsall U3A article and if they had any views.

Christine Smith said that she would have liked to have seen it before it was sent for publication.

The Chairman apologised and said in view of the tight deadline involved he had approved the copy drafted by the Secretary.

## **9. New Website**

The Chairman asked if everyone had accessed the new website and asked for their views. Christine commented on the fact that the Rennie Macintosh trip had headlined the main page for at least 3 weeks, at the exclusion of the other trips and events.

The Chairman said he would speak to Mike and try and get an even spread of promotion for all activities. B.H

It was also raised that there were several typing grammatical errors on the website.

Resolved that Gillian McKenna and Dave Smith will be Proof Readers for the website. G.McK / D.S

The Chairman was requested to liaise with the Secretary on these matters. B.H

The Committee voted unanimously for Mike to stay as Webmaster.

## **10. Coffee Morning**

**The serving hatch to the kitchen will not be opened until 10am to give time for members on tea and coffee duty to brew up.**

**Members have commented that we are finishing earlier than our allotted time 10am – 12pm.**

**The morning's announcements will be at 11.20am and the answers to the quiz will be after that. Members who wish to stay after this can do so.**

## **11. Volunteer Groups / Sub Committees**

**Deferred to the next meeting**

## **12. Officers Reports**

**None**

## **13. A.O.B**

**Bill will talk to the Community Hall Committee about a shared responsibility for the putting up and taking down the Christmas Decorations in the Hall.**

**B.H**

## **Speaker Meetings.**

**It was drawn to the committee's attention when Gillian notified us via email on 5 /3/19 that Jack had advised her that Edwin Booth could not make the meeting on 25/4/19 and that he could only make the 30/5/19 which Jack had agreed. This now means that we have 3 speakers in May, two of which are consecutive weeks.**

**9/5/19 – Fools Gold – stories with strings – acoustic duo**

**23/5/19 – Rachel Kennedy – Queenscourt – short talk**

**30/5/19 – Edwin Booth**

**On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April we will have a “sit in a different place”**

**Coffee Morning, although couples that wish to sit together can opt out.**

**Terry Mason asked Bill if he would ask the Community Hall Committee if we could have a reduction in rent as there has been no heating in the hall for a number of weeks.**

**B.H**

**there being no further business the meeting closed at 1.03pm**

**next Committee Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April'19 at 12pm**

