Northumbria Region u3a

Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting

20th September 2024

From 14.00 – 15.50

Present: - Cecilia Coulson (CC), Jean Cubbin (JC), Theresa Mulkerrin (TM), Ann Carr (AC), Malcolm Wilkinson (MW), Mary Barlow (MEB).

Apologies: - Peter Barnett, Ted Watt.

Welcome: - CC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: - MW proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2024 be accepted as an accurate record and seconded by TM. The members present agreed they were, and the proposal was accepted.

Matters arising: -

An update on the terms and conditions of Site Works will be held over to the next meeting as P Barnett is on holiday.

QT the online magazine may re-emerge as they are confident of new funding.

Reports: -

Chair (CC) – Report circulated.

Business Secretary (MEB) – Nothing to report.

Treasurer (TM) – Report circulated.

Communications (PB) No report member on holiday.

Messenger (MEB) – Deadline extended to allow more time for articles to come in for events taking place this month.

Events (CC) - Report circulated.

Field Trip to Holy Island – Takes place tomorrow Saturday 21st September. 17 registered to go.

Donnison School etc – 14 people attended.

Great North Run – A success despite the rain. Amount collected unknown at the moment.

Hexham Tapestry – 40 people have shown interest.

Stockton Theatre – Cancelled – Still awaiting information from Theatre.

North Regional Quiz – Going ahead as planned.

Radio Podcast – Sedgefield writing a panto.

Keeping it Legal – November 27th Visit to Nissan – In planning stage for 2025.

Science and Technologies – AC to follow up.

Music Day 2025 – Will be going ahead with possible new venue and agenda.

AI Workshop – Possibly held February/March 2025.

Tees Barrage – Look behind the scenes 2025

Mosque Visits – Hope to be arranged for the north and south of the region in 2025.

Auction House Visit – Sometime in 2025.

Hopetown Darlington – Visit to be organised for 2025.

30th Anniversary - 38 people have to date booked for the 30th Anniversary event and more are expected to before the closing date.

AC and MW will help with table planning and place names.

October Quarterly Meeting, Linskill Centre – MEB to email centre to ask when they require numbers and if they have a screen and overhead projector. Post meeting note – Email sent.

Madelaine Ravetta from Berwick u3a will be giving a talk on the EDI policy at the meeting.

Winners and runners-up of the writing and photography competitions have been invited to the quarterly meeting and Kelvin Rushworth will be presenting the prizes.

Quarterly Meetings –

It was agreed that the January meeting would be held via Zoom. This should allow for more people to attend if the weather is not so good.

Camden Hall, Gateshead Library is a possible venue for the AGM. Parking is free for three hours.

Succession Planning

As various members of the committee are due to stand down next year it was agreed that suitable notices be placed on the website, in Messenger and in the Beacon Newsletter.

Any Other Business

JC has suggested that provided FFTF is agreed at the National AGM then another representative from this area would be needed to voted onto the Council and perhaps we could be thinking of suitable candidates.

Christmas – The date of the December meeting was brought forward to 13th December and it was proposed that the January meeting is a meal.

Meeting closed at 15.50pm

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