



**Northumbria Region u3a**

**Zoom Committee Meeting**

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**From 14.00 – 16.00**

**Present:** - Cecilia Coulson (CC) Chair, Mike Wallace (MMW), Peter Barnett (PB), Malcolm Wilkinson (MW), Ann Carr (AC), Sandi Rickerby (SR), Mary Barlow (MEB).

**Visitor:** - Mo Brown

**Welcome:** - Cecilia Coulson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Working Groups:** - Mo Brown attended to give a report and then left the meeting. A copy of her report is attached.

Additional notes.

Three Year Plan is still on hold as Andrew Freckingham from Whitley Bay is ill.

Walk the Wall – It is envisaged photographs and an article will be put in both TAM and Messenger.

**Minutes:** - Agreed as accurate.

**Matters Arising:** -

It is hoped the issue of CC and MEB not being notified of events etc., by our national office has been rectified.

**Reports.**

**Chair (CC):** - Report already circulated.

**Business Secretary (MEB):** - Nothing as next quarterly meeting on the agenda.

**Treasurer (MMW):** - An amount of £108.00 has been paid into our account from R & L Wright, Beamish unfortunately we cannot at the moment see what this relates too. MMW would appreciate assistance as he has tried various ideas to no avail.

MMW has received an invoice for £345.20 for tickets to see the Lindisfarne Gospels at the Laing Gallery.

MMW is having problems contacting anyone at Barclays who will assist with a new mandate for signatories. **Post Meeting Note** – MMW has managed to contact Barclays and received the forms that require signing. It is noted that it will be at least three weeks once the forms are returned before they take effect.

CC confirmed that Whickham had accepted the offer of £30 for storage of our equipment with theirs. MMW to contact Wickham's treasurer to confirm payment details.

**Events (MW):** - The group are struggling as there are only three members left and they have not met since March.

Lindisfarne Gospels – Tickets are £7 for the morning and £10 for the afternoon. Joanne Charlton the contact with the gallery has arranged for MW to have the use of a room to show a PowerPoint providing further information.

**Communications (PB):** - It is noted that Mo Brown has found two members Marion Atkinson and Susan Turner as proof readers for the Regions website. Maggie Harker is considering assisting.

PB will send MMW a new log-in for Beacon.

A list of chairs, secretaries, treasurers etc., has been fed into the Beacon system to be used in sending information out to each u3a.

Each u3a using Beacon can also create their own list of jobs e.g. Group Leaders.

**Regional Trustee (SR):** - SR said the original period for which she was elected is coming to a close but she is prepared to be elected for a further year. She has therefore been nominated by Morpeth her own u3a and seconded by Newcastle.

### **July Quarterly Meeting**

This will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Seaham Town Hall.

MMW will produce the Google forms as he did for the AGM asking who will be attending, will catering be required etc.

MMW and Jan Leach will ask their u3as to provide members to assist on the day.

Seaham Town Hall have a contract for catering and the buffet is £7.95 and tea/coffee 35p per cup.

It is envisaged we will charge £10 for meal, coffee and room but only £2 if no catering required.

Google forms to be sent out end of June early July.

A visit prior to the meeting regarding hybrid requirements to be arranged. ( I arranged with Malcolm and Mike at the meeting to visit Town Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022)

**Post Meeting Note** - Please note new timings.

Programme: -

09.30 Committee etc., start arriving to set up the venue.

10.00 Venue opens

10.30 Start

11.00 – 12.15 Accentuate the Positive – A workshop run by CC and Kelvin Rushworth.

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 Durham Cathedral a Different Perspective a PowerPoint and talk by MW

14.30 CC will draw the meeting to a close.

We therefore aim to hire the hall from 09.30 to 15.00.

### **Future Quarterly Meetings**

**October** – Venue Bowburn Community Hall 26<sup>th</sup> October.

CC and AC to arrange a site visit for 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 11.00 am.

We had intended to ask Paul Martinez to the meeting but he is only able to attend by Zoom and there were other issues so we therefore decided to ask him to do a workshop on recruitment at some later date.

SR has suggested she gives a talk on the structure of the u3a and the Board Meetings she attends. She noted that these meetings are now being restructured to allow Regional Trustees more discussion time.



