

## Northumbria Region u3a

### Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

From 14.00 – 15.00

**Present:** - Cecilia Coulson (CC), Theresa Mulkerrin (TM), Moira Stokoe (MS), Dawn Tweddle (DT), Malcolm Wilkinson (MW), Peter Barnett (PB), Ann Carr (AC), Jean Cubbin (JC), Mary Barlow (MEB).

**Apologies:** - Ted Watt, Sandi Rickerby, Jean Cubbin.

CC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes:** - MW proposed that the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 meeting was a true record and DT seconded the motion.

**Matters arising:** - Storage – This issue is unresolved and CC proposes to take the equipment to the AGM in April as she is stepping down as Chair and the items need to be stored where they will be easily accessible for future quarterly meetings.

**Reports:** -

**Chair (CC)** – Report circulated.

Would members of this committee please note that if they wish to remain an active member they must complete and return the Nomination Form by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**Business Secretary (MEB)** – Items to be brought up under AGM.

**Treasurer (TM)** – Report circulated.

The North Quiz made a loss of £21.00 due to the venue increasing charges. We had 24 teams competing.

**Events (CC)** – Report circulated.

The visit to Boldon Auction House raised £109.00 which was sent to the nominated charity. The event was enjoyed by all who attended and a mention was made of the good selection of food offered with the tea/coffee.

AI – 40 people have registered for this event.

Metro Centre Awareness Day – The proposed event is being cancelled as there are too many restrictions/obstacles to overcome.

Summer School – CC awaiting a reply to an email sent to David Cook of Sunderland University.

Ushaw College – Arranging a visit by members of the Events Team to access suitability. Arranged for April 16<sup>th</sup> with CC, MW, AC, Bob Pullen and Wendy Dale visiting.

How Best To Use Facebook – A Zoom talk is being arranged for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm.

AI (Face to Face) – It is hoped to hold two workshops in either June or July one in the north and the other in the south of the region.

**Communication (PB)** – He would like some feedback on the Newsletters sent via Beacon and the website.

**Messenger (MEB)** – The closing date for articles for the next issue is 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Trustees** – No report received.

**April AGM** – MW and MS agreed to be tellers.

We will not be charged for the use of Seaham Town Hall.

Food – The committee chose the items they thought suitable from the list provided and MW will take the choices to the caterer and arrange when the food will be delivered. We confirmed the cost per meal at £10.

Cost – It was decided that we would charge £2 admission and £6 for meal. The event will be subsidized as all the Regional Quarterly Meetings have been subsidized in the past.

Form – TM to produce Google Form and send to PB for distribution via Beacon. The forms to be returned no later than 18<sup>th</sup> April so that numbers can be given to the caterer.

Regional Subscriptions – This item needs to be included on the agenda. **Post meeting CC sent an agenda and an AGM agenda to PB, TM, MW and CC for verification.**

Speaker Costs - £65 plus expenses.

Apologies for the AGM were received at the meeting from AC and later via email from Mike Wallace (previous treasurer) as they are both unable to attend.

**Poetry and Short Story Competition (CC)** - It was agreed at the meeting that the winner of each section would receive a £30 voucher with the runner up receiving a £10 voucher.

**Regional Review** – As JC and SR were unavailable it was decided to hold this item over until the April meeting.

#### **Any Other Business**

None.

**Date of the next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.00pm**

**Name** C Coulson                      **Position** Chair                      **Date** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Name** M Barlow                      **Position** Secretary                      **Date** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025