

Minutes of the meeting of the U3A Isle of Man Committee, held in the Classroom, St Johns Mill, Tynwald, St Johns, on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 10.30 am.

Present

Paul Dunderdale – Chairman	Eve Corrin
Pam Costain	Tony Gurevitch
Gill Dunderdale	
Pat Kneen	
Andy Corrin – minutes	

Apologies Glynis Duff and Di Brown

In the absence of Glynis Duff, the Minutes were taken by Andy Corrin.

Min no	Decision	Actions
127/24	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 th July 2024 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by Paul.	
128/24	Treasurer’s Report There is £6,912 in the account. The Summer event went well with receipts matching expenditure. The visit to the bank to sign up new signatories was somewhat of a fiasco. Each new signatory had to revisit the bank with personal information. Pat and Tony have revisited, with just Paul having to make the visit – currently awaiting a reply from the Manager to fix a time and date.	PD
129/24	Membership Secretary’s Report 243 current members. Discussion took place regarding members who have ‘passed on’. It was decided to leave it for members to pass on this information to the membership secretary.	IY
130/24	Beacon a) Some overseas hits on the new website prompted a discussion on phishing, but on discussion it seems that the database is protected. b) More information needed on how to email using the database. It was felt that a demonstration is needed. Paul as chairman needs full access to the membership list. .	PK
131/24	WebSite a) 44 visitors have visited the new website, with only 2 getting the error message re the wrong page. Privacy info now on the website. b) Thanks were given to Di for all her hard work on the new website, and to Andy for his hard work on the old system. It was agreed by the committee to give Di and Andy a bottle of wine each in thanks.	

132/24	<p>Special Interest Groups</p> <p>Beach cleaning – only 5 people have signed up, to date.</p> <p>Walking Group – only 5 people had indicated they would attend the first walk, led by Jack Verity , the potential new leader, yesterday. However, it was cancelled due to bad weather. Andy will introduce Jack Verity to Tony and Pat.</p> <p>Summer event – Afternoon tea at the Fun Farm. 26 people attended this event in August.</p> <p>Quiz group – will recommence, and will meet on 20 September, with Ian Yates as quizmaster.</p> <p>Breathing for Relaxation – 14 have signed up for the event in early October. It could accommodate another 6.</p> <p>Archaeology Group has reformed. Likely to meet at the Roundhouse, which looks like a good meeting place, costing £30 p.h.</p> <p>Tony met Cat from St Johns Mill. She wants to support the u3a. Tom Howard, a manager at the NSC, may arrange a pop up on what they can offer our members in addition to the Table Tennis and Racketball groups.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>EC</p> <p>TG</p> <p>?? who to arrange?</p>
133/24	<p>Network Meetings</p> <p>September Speaker is David Reynolds about Donald Trump. Manx Authoress, Lynn Bryant, is the October speaker.</p> <p>Howard Parkin – about Manx Skies – and Gary Jakeman – about the Island Games, are planned for 2025.</p> <p>Pam is to have a cataract operation in the near future, and Paul said he would stand in to cover.</p> <p>Pam made clear she wants to remain a co-opted member of the committee.</p>	<p>PC/PD</p>
134/24	<p>Committee Member Badges</p> <p>These were made by Andy and handed out to those attending</p>	
135/24	<p>Global emails/Newsletters</p> <p>Discussion took place re the number of Global Emails/Newsletter which have gone out to all members recently. And also whether things could be standardised and sent as PDF documents.</p> <p>AC/PD/PK to follow up .</p> <p>Content for the September newsletter –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The new website b) Breathing for relaxation c) Beach cleaning d) Quiz e) Christmas lunch f) The October walk to be led by Jack Verity. 	<p>AC/PD/PK</p>

136/24	<p>AOB</p> <p>Lots of discussion about –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the constitution /governing instrument - monitoring the critical calendar – to be carried forward to October - safety information for group leaders - Gill Locket’s last walks – Eve to send info to Di - a letter from the Attorney General’s office regarding apparent omissions from the Independent and questioning when Irene Jacques and John Wardle retired as trustees. – Eve has provided the info. 	<p>PK</p> <p>TG</p> <p>EC</p> <p>PK</p>
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00 The next meeting will be held on October 9th 2024 at 10.30am

Minutes signed by