

Special Committee Meeting of Huddersfield and District U3A held on Tuesday 30 April at 2.00pm at Aspin House

Present: Dallas Cliff(DRC), Chair, John May(JM) Vice Chair, John Dixon(JD), Jenny Eaglestone(JE), Brian Farrand(BF), Isabel Foster(IF), Moira Marshall(MM), Sue May(SM), Alison Newbery(AN), Diana Wilson(DW)

1.	Apologies for absence	
	Janet Forde. A message had been received from Dr Jeff Carr with apologies for his absence and his decision to resign from the committee. Members expressed sincere sadness to hear this news and noted his outstanding contribution to our organisation over many years. DRC will write to express our thanks and sadness.	DRC
2.	Committee resignation received - DRC	
	DRC reported that Derek Cook had resigned from both the U3A and the committee. Members discussed the implications of the resignation and the practicalities of managing the two trips planned – one to Chatsworth on 19 May, the other to Whitby on 11 August. It was decided that both trips would go ahead. John and Sue May agreed to lead the Chatsworth trip and Isabel Foster would lead the Whitby trip. Organisational details of the management would continue under Janet Forde(JF). Christopher Newbery(CHN) would liaise and make payments to both Stotts, the bus company, and Chatsworth. As the closing date for the Whitby trip is on 16 July no immediate action is needed.	JM/SM JF/CHN
3.	40 Anniversary Performance and Exhibition – DRC	
	DRC reported the outstanding success of the Performance and Exhibition Event held at the United Reformed Church on the 6 April. He thanked the 40 th Anniversary Committee for their hard work which had had such a positive result. The monies collected to be divided to our two linked charities were noted as £126 for the tombola, £60 from the teas and coffees and c. £300 for the charity collections themselves. It was proposed that a performance event and the AGM be run on the same date in future years which was approved by the committee. DRC would propose the idea to the 40 th Anniversary Committee at their next meeting and hope that this could be organised for 2025.	Anniv Comm
4.	40th Anniversary Walk - DW	
	DW tabled a paper with details of the proposed anniversary walk to be held on 10 September. Three levels of walk were envisaged to encourage maximum participation. The Conservatory Café in Greenhead Park were in agreement that the walkers could assemble outside the café and had agreed to provide light refreshment to returning walkers to be paid for by U3A. DW would pay on the day and send a special expenses form to the office for reimbursement. Walkers would be asked to donate to our two linked charities and there would be collection buckets for this purpose. JM and SM agreed to participate on the level 1 walk and to be on hand should the defibrillator be required. An invitation to ask St John's ambulance service to attend was discussed but was not felt to be appropriate. Walks needed to be completed by 3.00pm as the café closed at this time.	DW JM/SM

	DW was organising leaders for each walk and requested stewards on the day. It was agreed to publicise the walk to members via email, Facebook and on our website	Comm
5.	AOB	
	- DRC had proposed a series of Anniversary Talks to be held at the Media Centre during the Autumn term but he now felt this was not feasible. He hoped to develop this idea to be run in the Spring Term and publicity would be in the Autumn newsletter. - Meltham Art class had requested help with the cost of parking for their five hour class as Kirklees had introduced parking fees near the Carlile Institute. It was pointed out that the class already paid the same class fee for a five hour class that most members paid for the standard class length of two hours so support for parking was not agreed as it would raise the issue of support for all class parking fees. DRC would write to the group to report our decision but felt it would be appropriate to ask all tutors to discuss car sharing with their groups at the start of the Autumn term. - IF noted the difficulties presented by publicity for the Celebratory Dinner planned for 26 September. It was agreed that details would be publicised in important dates in the prospectus with a follow up email nearer the time with letters to those not on email. The importance of knowing numbers in advance was stressed. - JM reported that a further advert would be placed in the 50+ magazine. SM provide an A5 sheet to be included in the prospectus to advertise our organisation with the hope that members would remove this page and pass this on to others. - JE requested that U3A would pay for a Spotify licence of £11.99 for each of three months to support an innovative class to be run by Arthur Pritchard. This was agreed. - IF reported that a request had been made by our external Safeguarding adviser, who had provided much free advice to us in setting up our safeguarding policy and training, to publicise two volunteer opportunities which the relevant charities were struggling to fill. It was agreed that an email would be sent to all members with details for any interested members to contact the relevant charities direct. It was noted that publishing other specific opportunities was usually confined to brief articles in our newsletters. It was not felt to be our role in general to act as a publicity agent for other charities.	DRC DRC DRC/AN IF/JE JM/SM/JE JE
6.	Date & Time of Next Meeting: -	
	Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 2.00 at Aspin House	