Minutes of a Special Meeting of Huddersfield & District U3A Committee held on Friday 13 June at 10.00am at Aspin House

Present:
Dallas Cliff, Chair,Brian Farrand, Isabel Foster, Janet Forde, Moira Marshall, John May, Sue May, Alison Newbery, Diana Wilson,

Apologies
John Dixon, Jenny Eaglestone, Mike Scholes

Affiliation Report review

DRC reported the generous bequest to HU3A made in the will of Mrs V A Ives which was likely to be pertinent to our discussions.

1. **The aim of the meeting was to address the recommendations in the final report of the affiliation group**

Members systematically reviewed the points identified in the Executive Summary off the Affiliation Group's report. Points raised included:

- The need to replace our current IT data base though not necessarily immediately was agreed
- General resistance to affiliation
- The possible effects of affiliation to the U3A Trust including any future increases in cost after the initial outlay
- The current lack of an Hon Treasurer and ideas to address the vacancy
- Ways of supporting members who cannot/choose not to use the internet exclusively to manage membership and receive online information
- The speed of any agreed changes and the possibility of adopting a gradual process
- The need to be transparent about the costs when reporting any changes to our members
- The challenges faced by increased use of screens and the isolation this can cause especially in communicating information/new practices

- The need to ensure that members have equal access to popular courses despite being unable to apply and pay online
- The need to ensure that in any change to the administration system valuable current day to day issues are not lost
- Whether the system being considered can cope with the size of our organisation
- How our interests will be represented should we become part of a larger organisation

2. to make decisions on behalf of our members as their Trustees

Members agreed with some hesitation that HU3A affiliates to the U3A Trust in order to gain access to the Beacon system

3. to record our decisions at the regular committee meeting on Tuesday 1 July

Agreed

4. to advise members formally of these at the AGM in October.

Methods of communicating the reasons and implications of any decisions made to our membership in a written form through the Autumn Newsletter as well as at the AGM

Committee Membership

It was agreed to co-opt Monica Plested onto the committee.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 July at 2.00pm at Aspin House