

Minutes of Monmouth u3a committee meeting on 20 September 2022

1. **Present:** Mike Brewer, Sue Cobourne (Zoom), Simon Durrant, Cherry Lewis, Diana Wilkinson, Mary Ross (Zoom) Sheila Rowland (**Observers:** Dan Jones (Zoom), Adele Glenn, Heather Elliott, Mel Hughes, Pauline Sanders)
2. **Apologies:** Tricia Dodd, Averil MacDonald
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed
4. **Action Grid:** Actions complete or in progress.
5. **Final arrangements for September members' meeting.** All in place.
6. **Financial matters:** COIF charity fund – The new committee needs to investigate if members are happy with an investment that moves with the stock market. It was suggested that a meeting be held with the individuals who set up the account in the first place in order to understand the background to this account.
7. **New members' meeting.** Membership stands at 462, with 86 new members joining this year. 16 new members since the last NMM in July. Next NMM at 10 for 10.30 on Wednesday 12 October in the **Roberts Room**.
8. **Constitution update:** The training session provided by TAT had technical issues and the promised information was not sent in time for this committee meeting.

A proposal was put to the committee that they formally adopt the model constitution provided by TAT because, according to TAT regulations, if Monmouth u3a did not adopt the model constitution, it could no longer call itself a u3a group. The proposal was passed unanimously. The model constitution now needs to be ratified by members at our AGM and approved by the charity commission.

Clarification was sought from TAT as to when the clock starts ticking regarding the time anyone has served on the committee. It is from when they took on the role, not from adoption of the model constitution. Under the model constitution, the following clauses apply:

- (7) The maximum total period of service of any trustee shall be 9 years in any combination of roles whether or not the periods of service are contiguous.
- (8) No-one may hold any specific officer position or be an ordinary (non-officer) trustee for a continuous period in excess of 3 years without an interval of at least 1 year between the periods of service.

Permission must be obtained to exceed these time restrictions.

9. **AGM update:** The magazine, renewal form and AGM notifications will be going out to members this week. The AGM agenda will be sent out with the next Newsletter. In order to ensure a quorum attendance of 46 people (10% of the membership), it was suggested

that a Zoom link should also be sent out. A speaker has been identified for the talk afterwards.

If the model constitution is ratified by the members it will come into operation immediately and the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer need to be formally elected. If no one is standing for any of these roles, then the position remains vacant until it can be filled. The remaining committee members can then be elected *en masse*.

At the AGM the following need to be available: Minutes of the last AGM, Committee report, Treasurers report. Members can request a copy of the model constitution but it will not be sent out automatically.

10. **TAT recruitment toolkit:** It was agreed to defer discussion of this until after the AGM.

11. **News from the Groups:** Three groups have had to be suspended due to illness: craft, country dancing and flower arranging 2. European History is looking for someone to help/take over. A new group, Your life in 10 objects, has not attracted much interest. An email reminding people about it will be sent out.

The cinema group has asked if the committee would underwrite costs for November and December, otherwise they will have to close down, only having enough funds left to cover October. The Committee's position is that all groups should be financially independent. However, they have asked for further information before a final decision is made. It was suggested that they only operate during the winter months (October – April).

12. **Model policies:** It was agreed to defer discussion of this until after the AGM.

13. **Magazine/poster:** All in hand.

14. **Voting at TAT AGM:** The committee were divided on how to proceed. As there were so many proposed amendments to Resolution 5, it was considered that the only real options were to either accept the original wording, which was to increase the subscription every year in line with the state pension increase, or to abstain. It was agreed that an email would be sent round the whole committee and a vote taken. Replies must be in before 3 October.

15. **AOB.** Website arrangements need discussion at next meeting.

16. **Date of next meeting:** 17 October, 4.30, Wye Room

**Joint Report
Up to and including 31 August 2022
Committee meeting 12th September 2022**

Membership

Current membership from Beacon (9/9)	458
August meeting (On-line safety)	50

Deposit Account 31 August 2022

	July 2022	August 2022
Lloyds deposit account 19966860	4324.91	4325.05

U3A Main accounts – 31st August 2022(Committee)

	July 2020	August 2022
Lloyds – account 1 (main) 19985368 (£1000 trans to new account 71124562)	2318.02	1024.13

	July 2020	August 2022
Lloyds – new charity account 71124562 £1000 trans from 19985368	0	1020.00

Lloyds Convenors Account 31st August 2022 (Groups)

	July 2020	August 2022
Bank Balance Activities account 00694365	5542.82	5480.82

- No gift aid payment received yet.
- Accounts going to the auditor prior to the AGM. The value of the COIF investments have gone down in 2021/22 (due to the falling market).

The main new charity account is now open. Sort code 30-98-97 account number: 71124562 This is where the membership money will be paid into. The account is now on-line.

Individual accounts up to end 31st August 2022

	July 2022	August 2022		July 2022	August 2022
Badminton	217.00	234.60	Science and Technology	698.86	315.52
Bridge	420.30	420.30	Social (coif income)	325.98	325.98
Cinema	447.86	447.86	Theatre	1536.02	1662.02
Country dancing	254.48	224.48	Yoga 1	512.93	78.43
Geology	13.50	13.50	Yoga 2	Minus 16.57	Minus 355.57
Historic Places	44.00	44.00	Treasurer	115.02	115.02
Local history	238.00	212.50	Treasure contacting yoga 2 group regarding mins. Situation.		
Outings	688.96	663.96			
Party	500.00	50.00			
Pins/Sewing	18.00	22.00			