

SULLY U3A COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 12th, 2025, 10:30 AM

Old School Sully

Present: Wendy Gruffydd, John Williams, Denise Miles, Gill Mathias. Sue Hawkings, Joyce Stent, Norma Johnson, Di Lister. Paul Lister. Maggie Grayson, Alan Roberts. David Briggs

Item		Discussion	Action
1	Apologies	Claire Stansfield	
2	Minutes	AGREED	
3	Matters Arising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The commissioner for Wales older people, JS has made contact, and they would like to attend the open day in October and possibly have a slot for a speaker. JS will continue to liaise 2. Chepstow festival of arts trip, 38 members confirmed at present, as it is a 49-seater bus it was agreed to be mentioned at the AGM and included in the newsletter. For any members that had put their name down for the trip but had not received confirmation, to contact the trip organisers on chepstowtrip@sullyu3a.co.uk There was a discussion about the meeting and drop off places of the bus on the day. It was agreed that this information would be sent to all members that are attending, nearer the date 	<p>JS</p> <p>SH/JS</p>
4	Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treasurer. JW reported there had been two unexplained direct debits against the group's account totalling £3.50. After investigation by the bank, it seems an error was made, and money was refunded that evening. Note the group account does not permit direct debits. Gift aid for the past year has just been received so will not appear on the annual report presented at the AGM 2. Member and Beacon update. MG reported that to date we have 382 paid up members. MG continues with validating our member information ready for input onto Beacon. 	MG
5	U3A Matters magazine	Some members have requested to opt out of receiving the magazine. This can be a lengthy process (up to 3 Months) due to the procedures of the publisher. It was agreed that information on this item would be included in the Newsletter	MG/PL
6	Website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fasthost. At present DB is the only administrator for Fasthost. MG and JW were happy to act as assistant administrators providing cover for DB in unforeseen absences but would require instruction. 2. Website. DB stated that Pat Wright was currently vice 	

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		<p>administrator for the website, this was not widely known by the committee. PW does updates for her group on the website.</p> <p>3. Website Contact tab updated. The information under contacts has been updated to anonymise committee members e-mail details. Committee members are encouraged to look and comment on the contact info. MG has confirmed that she had received items through this format and that it appeared to be working.</p> <p>4. Convenors. Convenors are to be encouraged to access the website to update contact details regarding their groups. They should ensure that the details shown under the Group tab for their Group is up to date, any problems should be passed to the webmaster via the contacts tab Web. Much discussion took place over DB's proposed instructions for convenors, it was generally accepted that the article was a bit lengthy, and would put the convenors off, it should probably start with the link to the form to be completed, which could then be followed with the instructions and explanations for the convenors to read if required.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DB</p>
7	New Groups	Astronomy, Canasta, Mahjong and possibly Croquet have been suggested for possible new groups. GM is organising a date to meet with members who have shown an interest	GM
8	Speakers	Thanks was given to Sue on finding a speaker for the 12 th of June at short notice due to the booked speaker being unable to attend.	
9	Newsletter	PL requested that items for the newsletter be submitted during the week following the committee meeting	All
10	AOB	<p>Allan Roberts tendered his resignation from the committee effective 12th June. He was thanked for all the work he had done during his tenure. MG assisted by JS will cover rent collection in the interim period. Allan will provide written instructions.</p> <p>GM and DB were appointed as vice Chairs.</p> <p>JS updated on her contact with a rep from the regional council who would like to talk to the committee reference her role within the organisation.</p> <p>A discussion on e-mail received from NATS, JS and DM will decide on action required if any.</p>	
11	Date of next meeting	July 10 th 10:30 Old School Sully	

