

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2017 in Robinsons at 1 pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Autumn Meeting Planning
6. Summer School Feedback
7. AOB
8. Date of next meeting

Present Lila Jackson, Gabrielle Deans, Des Rawlings, Marjorie Ringland, Karen Shaw, Brian Turnbull, Alan Walbridge

In Attendance: Rosemary Bradley (Regional Trustee NI), Mavis Turner, Irene Orr

1. **Apologies:** Sheila Magee
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** Were deemed accurate, proposed by Marjorie Ringland, seconded by Des Rawlings: all agreed
3. **Matters Arising** Lila asked if anyone presently on the Executive Committee was interested in taking on the posts of Chair and Secretary, as she and Gabrielle are due to step down at the next AGM. Karen Shaw agreed to shadow Gabrielle.
4. **Treasurer's Report** Marjorie presented her report on the income and expenditure on the AGM and the Summer School. It was agreed that a 20ppm rate would apply to the Summer School 2017 expenses, but in future it would be 25ppm. There is an uncashed cheque from the AGM, and the final invoice from Greenmount College has not yet been received, but there are sufficient funds in the account to cover this. Marjorie will send out a revised Expenses Sheet to all committee members which will include the mileage allowance.

5. **Autumn Meeting Planning** the date for the Autumn Meeting is Thursday 26th October in Grosvenor House commencing at 11am and finishing at 3 30pm. Registration will start at 10am with tea, coffee and scones available from 10am onwards; the morning and afternoon sessions will be held in the Main Room on the third floor, and lunch will be served in the Main Hall on the ground floor. The Speakers will be Eddie Lynch, COPNI and Sam Mauger CEO of Third Age Trust. A first notification will be sent to all U3As at the end of August and fuller details at the end of September. RSVP by 18th October for catering purposes and the secretaries and chairs will be urged to inform their members of this closing date. NIREC members will oversee registration and Mavis Turner will source badges for all attendees. The lunch menu and other details will be finalized at the next NIREC meeting
6. **Summer School feedback report** Sheila Magee sent in a brief report, which Lila read: “the feedback received so far is that we should have a summer school every 2 years at Greenmount, setting up the planning group the year before, with representation from several U3As. We can use the interim year as an opportunity for individual U3As to run events with secretarial support and help from NIREC, similar to the Adventure Day at Tollymore, and the Bridge Congress.” It was noted that Sheila Magee had put in an enormous amount of work herself and that a wider spread of helpers would be needed before the next Summer School.
7. **AOB** Rosemarie Bradley reported that there would be 2 training workshops led by Sam Mauger on 18th Sept and 27th October. The purpose of these days is to train more volunteers in the “Overview and New U3A Part 1 and 2”. All the other regions are now trained in this and Sam does not want Northern Ireland Region to be too far behind. An email will be sent out in the next few weeks asking for names especially from Fermanagh, Armagh, Down and the Causeway area and preferably from members who are not volunteering in another capacity already

Lila also raised the question of titles; she felt that using “Regional Trustee, Regional Volunteer” and then asking for other “volunteers” to train could be confusing. Perhaps there is a better title we could give them?

Also, Rosemarie is now in her third year as Regional Trustee and anyone interested in taking over from her should contact TAT and Rosemarie herself for further information on the post.

8. **Date of Next Meeting** will be 19th October 2017 at 1.30pm in Grosvenor House.