

Carlton, Gedling and District u3a Meeting of Executive Committee

10.30am – 12.00 pm Tuesday 24th March, Community Room Manor Green

1. Welcome Sandra Stanley, Jenni White, Gayle Harris, Teresa Clark, Jenni White, Mark Reynolds, John Preston, Sue Warren, Theresa Storey
2. Apologies – Paul Christie, Cheryl Larcombe
3. Minutes – February Meeting – reminder u3a in lower case is the trademark for the charity. All else agreed as a true record
4. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda,
GH requested background for no longer counting number of attenders at GM's. CPC can accommodate more than the number of people who attend our meetings, so fire safety instructions won't be broken. Several entrances and people moving from hall to marketplace also makes it impossible to capture numbers correctly

Reports

5. Chair
 - a. March General Meeting – 10 joined via streaming option.
 - b. CPC – agreed the church is working well for our meetings. We are still working out best table placing in the marketplace, small adjustments as we go.
Pat Opala highlighted difficulties spotting guests and potential new members. Committee with PO to explore options for greater visibility.
CPC may be able to offer a notice board for us to display promotional info.
Members will be informed that the raffle will be drawn at 11.15am at the GM in the April newsletter along with info for recycling the cup lids after the break. **MR**
 - c. Network Workshop – June – C&G attendees & cost - four C&G members have already signed up with each attending different workshops. Agreed to refund the cost of workshop cost to members. **SS/TS to notify PC**
 - d. Charity Donation / Sponsorship? – the constitution does not advocate that the u3a promotes donations to other charities. We can support individuals to promote a chosen event that will raise funds but not host or donate. A “Charity Corner” will be provided for charitable events in the C&G u3a Newsletter. **SW**
 - e. E. Midlands Feedback Considerations – the Committee agreed the feedback was useful and were pleased we already have many of the recommendations in place. It was agreed that nationally, pressure should be applied for central promotion via TAT, to raise the public's awareness of the u3a movement and its many benefits.

6. Business Secretary

Update report – the Third Age Matters submission has been made by SW
the Committee will turn its attention to reports and handovers for the AGM.
Streaming the GM each month is successfully gaining more viewers in March than previous meetings.

7. Treasurer – PC not in attendance.

As AT has now resigned as Assistant Treasurer and JW/TC are not full signatories, PC is carrying out the treasury role alone. In the interim, while advertising for a treasury team, it was agreed that MR should support constitutional oversight by means of receiving monthly statements alongside PC. **Action: MR contact PC**

Some Sumup machines weren't working as expected at the GM so will require review. **PC**

8. Membership Secretary CL not in attendance

Update Membership – total - 551 / new members - 0

Membership renewal begins on the 1st April, the membership team will be predominantly available at GM's and Portabello café.

The old membership phone has been donated to the British Heart Foundation

9. Newsletter – CQ only has three more newsletters until she retires from her role, so C&G will continue to advertise for a replacement Editor, CG has asked for a transition period if possible.

JP confirmed Groups date calendar for back page is still useful and used by members.

Newsletter issued 7 – 10 days prior to GM. CQ will advertise post in April's issue and MR to find Facebook admin for advert there.

10. Minutes and Social Secretary

Minutes - GH can continue minuting at CM's but has asked for a small team to support when she is unable to attend. SS stands in when GH is unavailable.

Social – Summer – exploring option for running a mock court with tables of jurors.

The Jurors will listen to the case, review evidence and decide if they believe the accused is guilty of murder, manslaughter or not guilty.

The marketplace will be set up for members to play games etc if they do not wish to partake in the court case. **Action – GH to find on-line cases.**

Social – Christmas – Band Poppy Folk Club have been booked.

11. Interest Group Coordinator – The Music Appreciation group has ceased at the present time.

Family History group meets for the first time on 27/3/2026

Tennis at Conway Road offers free training and equipment.

12. Speaker Seeker – JA away in June and July, June – social ,JP will meet speaker in July

13. Marketing

Poster – to include u3a generic pictures without members faces, the QR code and contact Membership Secretary telephone number. Print cost £46 **Action TS/SW & CQ liaise.**

NG4 Magazine – useful medium to advertise but can be unreliable – full page cost £175.50, ½ page £105.62

Committee to explore other modes for advertising i.e. Facebook, Metro, GP receptions etc

Large scroll poster – place in window at CPC and request if they have space to store large scroll poster.

14. AOB – nothing raised

Next Committee Meeting 10.30 to 12pm, Tuesday 21st April, Manor Green Community Centre