MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY 2025

PRESENT: Di Tebbutt, Jane Slack, Richard Boyles, Ruth Gunn, Chris Gunn, Brenda Boyles, Tony Loft and Sue Perkins.

APOLOGIES: Maralyn McLennan, Pat Stokes

Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed by DT as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: JS reported that no nominations had been received for the Committee. Les Cottingham has approached Richard Boyles about being nominated as Chairman and he has agreed to do so. RG had received some suggestions for Christmas Lunch venues including the Masonic Hall in York Road and the Golf Club. JS to make enquiries.

EVALUATION OF JUNE'S MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting went well and the speaker was very interesting as it had been about men from Kettering who had served in WW1. DT advised that she had received lots of positive comments. RB advised that there had been 71 attendees, 1 visitor and 1 new member.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JULY'S MEETING: Talk is called "Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again" by Philip Caine. Cost £90 and speaker only requires a table, he will be selling his books. PS to man Front Desk, JS and SP on refreshments, RB on technical presentation, CG on Raffle and books, RG Lunch club (has now booked the Lilacs in Isham), TL new members, other Committee members to fill in where required. Numbers for trip to Bletchley Park will be taken. RB will create an advisory slip with postcode and cost etc. to give to participants of future trips. DT to purchase biscuits for the meeting.

NETWORK MEETING REPORT: TL had attended the Network meeting in Scaldwell Village Hall chaired by Annie Curtis. Minutes are available if required. Stephne Tewson (Treasurer) reported that as the group now meets in Scaldwell individual u3as will no longer need to pay a yearly cost of £80. TL felt that the meeting had not been so positive as the last one. Meetings will now include break out meetings. RB suggested that it might be useful to use the money accumulated by the Network to pay for national publicity for the u3a.

DATA PROTECTION: The Data Protection Policy was discussed to ensure that it included the use of photographs and social media. RB advised that he would update the current policy. This has now been done and is available on the website. CG questioned whether the Third Age Trust should be reviewing their Data Protection Policy. SP reported that there is a lot of paperwork still in her garage in a box. After a lively discussion it was decided that this should be stored in her attic.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: DT reported that JS has completed the Annual return and the invoice will be sent to RG.

VICE CHAIR: TL nothing to add

TREASURER: Main a /c. £7272.09; no 2 a/c £389.80. RB advised that some of the money in Number 2 account is from the now disbanded Canals and Waterways Group. RG advised that there was a Lloyds branch in Corby and she will apply for a debit card for RB,

SECRETARY/GROUPS COORDINATOR: No report

Date of next meeting: 5th August 2025 at Jane's

PROGRAMME SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AND IT: Nothing to add.

AOB: TL advised that he would not be standing for re-election as Vice Chair. DT this means we need nomination for this position on the Committee and others as not everyone may be standing. Also will ask about first aid and use of the defibrillator at the Eden Centre. RB suggested that the accounts and Agenda for the AGM be displayed on the screen. Decided that there would be no quiz but provide more nibbles.

Meeting closed 11:35		
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