

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Jeremy Lloyd Chairman, Rosie Allen, Vice-Chairman, (also Rep. Arnold), Paul Martinez Support Officer, Rita Foulkes Treasurer, Margaret Taylor Temp. Secretary, Peter Edge Web Master, Margot Gale, Notts. County Contact, Lynne Jaremczenko, News Bites Editor, (also Rep. Carlton & Gedling) Representatives from Ashfield, Beeston, Burton Joyce, Cotgrave, Eastwood & District, Forest Town & District, Hucknall, Keyworth, Mansfield, Mapperley & District, Nottingham & District, The Park, Rainworth, Ravenshead, Sherwood, Soar Valley, Stapleford & District, and Worksop U3As.
<b>ITEM 1</b>	Jeremy Lloyd welcomed everyone and thanked Margaret for stepping in due to David Dobbs' immediate resignation for personal reasons. Some items on the Agenda may be changed. JL expressed concern that there was an urgent need for volunteers for the posts of Secretary and Vice-Chairman to enable to Network to continue being a vibrant group working together. He asked that members consider the request which would be raised again at the end of the Meeting. The meeting accepted apologies from:- Jane Pavier, Regional Trustee, Eastwood, Hucknall, Retford, Southwell, Sutton in Ashfield & West Bridgford U3As. There was no contact from Bingham, Dukeries Third Age Group, Newark, Radcliffe on Trent and Retford U3As.
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS &amp; ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING DATED 25.10.17.</b> All Action Points were completed or on the Agenda. The minutes were proposed by Lynda Brotherhood and seconded by Peter Edge. Network agreed and accepted the Minutes which were signed by the Chairman and Temp. Secretary.
<b>ITEM 3a</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Foulkes</b> RF had circulated her report prior to the meeting and there were no questions raised. She did mention that two U3As i.e. Rainworth and Dukeries had still not paid their subscriptions.
<b>ITEM 3b</b>	<b>REGIONAL TRUSTEE – Jane Pavier</b> JP's report was accepted in her absence.
<b>ITEM 3c</b>	<b>THREE YEAR PLAN</b> Warsop & District U3A has now been accepted as members of the Third Age Trust. To be contacted and invited to join the Network and attend the April meeting. <b>ACTION MT - Completed</b>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>NETWORK LINKS –Margot Gale</b> MG gave a verbal report on her recent visit to London, the notes of which had been previously circulated. MG emphasised the need for more volunteers to help the Regional Trustee. It is hoped that a volunteer from Notts. Network will continue to attend these meetings with the next one being held in London in May.
<b>ITEM 4a</b>	<b>ANALYSIS OF INTEREST GROUPS ON THE WEB SITE – Peter Edge</b> PE gave a verbal report which would be of interest to Group Co-ordinators and Leaders. At the time of the analysis in October 2017 there were 171 different subjects available. These can be viewed in alphabetic sequence, by popularity and by categories such as Arts, Sciences, Languages, Hobbies and Pastimes etc. The information is under the 'U3As' tab on the website.
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>APRIL MEETING – PRESENTATION ON PUBLICITY BY LIZ DRURY</b> This meeting will be devoted entirely to Publicity and the Network agreed that all U3A Representatives and one guest per U3A be invited. It was hoped that as many members would support this event. Invitations will be sent out shortly. <b>ACTION MT - Completed</b>
<b>ITEM 6a</b>	<b>INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL OFFICE</b> Several members put forward their interpretation of the information concerning changes to the Articles of National Trust, changes to U3A Constitutions in particular the "Objects" clause, changes in insurance and any financial matters including the way the Income and Expenditure Accounts are kept by U3As. This was hotly debated by members as most were unsure of actually what was being asked of them and felt that they needed clarification before progressing especially in view of the tight time scales. Mike Allen of Mansfield U3A proposed that the Chairman should send an email to Sam Mauger asking for clarification. This proposal was seconded by Margot Gale and all Network members agreed. The wording was agreed by all members and following phrase will be used within the correspondence:- "That the Third Age Trust ensures that an urgent clarification is made of the Financial Implications that are raised by adherence to the Charity Commission requirements". It was also agreed that a copy of the email from JL would be circulated to all members of the Network together with any subsequent replies. <b>ACTION JL/MT - Completed</b> It was also agreed that if any other U3A had had dealings with National Office or were intending to contact them direct that any responses would be circulated by the County Contact in the hope that their replies would be useful for other Network members. <b>ACTION MG/MT - Completed</b>
<b>ITEM 6b</b>	<b>NOTTS. NETWORK WAY FORWARD – Paul Martinez</b>

	This will now be discussed at the July meeting.
<b>ITEM 6c</b>	<b>SUCCESSFUL AGEING</b> RA gave a brief over-view. She will circulate an email with all information and asking for volunteers. <b>ACTION RA - Completed</b>
<b>ITEM 7</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS FOR OFFICE ROLES</b> Sue Blackley – Secretary. It was emphasised that SB would only be responsible for taking and typing up of Minutes and distributing the Agenda and papers for the meetings. Christine Watson – Vice –Chairman. Both roles will be mentored by MT and RA. Nomination forms to be sent for completion. <b>ACTION MT - Completed</b>
	JL thanked everyone for attending.
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS 25<sup>th</sup> April &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b> <u>Dates of future Meeting</u> Wednesday 31.10.18. (AGM)

Chair.....Temp. Acting Secretary.....Date 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
**Rosie Allen** **Margaret Taylor**