

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024  
At 2.15p.m. at Carterton Town Hall**

**Present: -**

Maxine Crossland  
Martin McBride  
Brian Crossland  
Terry Bartell  
Butch Cruickshank  
Muriel Cruickshank  
Pam Howard  
Ann Gray  
Ian Wright

**Apologies, , , Mike Watts**

**1. Approval of minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

- Minutes were approved.

**2. Matters arising**

- No matters arising not covered in the agenda.

**3. Refreshments rota.** Rota sorted out for this month and 4 extra volunteers now available. Training will be given to new volunteers.

**4. Training update.** Terry has had another session with Mike but more will be arranged. The agendas and minutes continue to be circulated by ordinary email and SharePoint mainly used for archiving. The committee is happy with their knowledge on Beacon. Ian has a specific issue which Terry will try to help him with on a home visit.

**5. Treasures report**

- Brian had emailed the following information Bank balance £9760.18. Some discussion about what reserves we should plan to keep.
- After some discussion about reducing fees it was agreed by a unanimous vote to keep the annual fee at £12 but reduce to £6 for anyone who joins more than 6 months into our financial year.
- Other ways to reduce our balance were discussed including text messages at a cost of £24.50 although it was unclear whether this was per month/year/ or a set number of texts.
- After further discussion around fund reduction and possible use of subtitles, two actions were agreed, Maxine would email membership to see how many might benefit from having subtitles and investigations would take place on possibility of having an extra speaker at the back of the hall.
- It was agreed to form a small working group to look at these possibilities, Terry/Butch/Mike

**6. Membership**

- We now have 325

**7. Groups / Trips**

- Jenny Bates needs a list of speakers from Arthur to be able to prepare the new members introduction packs. Mike also to update speakers list on Website.
- We agreed a Dec meeting date of 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- Pam will be arranging a Groups meeting in the near future when she has date options from Maxine.

**8. Social committee**

- No social committee booked at this time.

**9. Third Age Trust**

- Nothing to report but the AGM is 3<sup>rd</sup> May and at this stage Ian plans to represent us at that meeting.

**10. AOB**

- Nothing to add

**Date of Next Meeting** 11th March 2024 at 2:30pm Town Hall ..... note the new start time.

**Signed:-** .....

**Date:-** .....