

u3a SWN Meeting 22 MAY, 2024 6pm on Zoom

Meeting Summary Notes

Appointment of new officers @ 10:48

Ken announced that David Townsend Jones has agreed to become the new treasurer, and Lynn Street has agreed to become the new vice chair. The group voted to approve these appointments.

Beacon system challenges @ 14:16

David, the new treasurer, reported issues accessing the Beacon system and getting set up as the new signatory. The group discussed the challenges with the Beacon system's finance functionality, particularly the lack of integration with direct bank payments and the need for duplicate data entry.

U3A network updates @ 20:37

Representatives from various U3A groups provided updates on their membership numbers, activities, and initiatives. This included Gilwern, Chepstow, Swansea, and Cardiff. Several groups noted challenges with finding volunteers to take on leadership roles.

Trustee report on U3A governance changes @ 47:39

Trustee Colin Luka provided an overview of proposed changes to U3A governance, including the creation of a Pilot Council and a slimmed-down Board of Trustees. The group discussed concerns about the composition and influence of the Pilot Council.

Next meeting and action items @ 1:05:24

The group agreed to hold the next meeting on July 31st at 6pm. John Williams will manage the agenda and meeting minutes going forward. The group also discussed the need to coordinate a discussion prior to the U3A AGM in October to align on their positions on the proposed governance changes.

COMMENTS

In an email after the meeting, Colin Luker said that "the situation with the possible changes to the Board and Council are as follows:

No definite proposals have been decided until the Board meeting on 19th June. If it is agreed to proceed then full information will be sent to all members with the final decision being made at the AGM in October" (KS)