

U3A GLOSSOP COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 11th MAY 2023

BRADBURY HOUSE

M I N U T E S

Present: Brigitte Manchee (in the Chair), Alan Mortlock,
Pam Zuntz, Maureen Brierley, Jo Mortlock, Hazel Allman, Elaine Dodge,
Sandra Gately, Dorothy Stringer, Sharon Hamshere

Apologies: Chris Blackett

1. Minutes:

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2023.

2. Matters Arising

Noted: That in the minutes the subscriptions were for Third Age Matters, not Trust.
That the incorrect spellings of Maureen Brierley and Brigitte Manchee be corrected.
That Chris Blackett had been in touch with the Secretary to have it noted that he is not in favour of replacing the old projector with a more modern one.

Agreed: That the consensus was that more research would be undertaken regarding upgrading the existing projector, as it was recognised that there are connection problems with more modern computers and a decision would be made accordingly.

3. Correspondence

Noted: i. That the Secretary had circulated and reported on pieces of correspondence listed below, from the Trust, for information.

- a. Third Age Trust Board Review
- b. U3A Committee members portal had been updated
- c. Information on recruiting volunteers
- d. Roadmap for the TAT AGM, 18th October
- e. Volunteer Week 1-7 June
- f. Information for Trustees Workshops: Contingency Planning, Keeping it Legal, Growth Matters, Discussion Groups, Volunteers. The workshops can be booked on the U3A website.
- g. U3A Short Story Competition . Theme is "Decisions", the deadline is 26 June.

ii. Science and Industry Museum

Jessica white had emailed the Secretary asked for STEM volunteers to help with visitors to the Museum.

iii. Silvertime Legal. An unsolicited approach offering a Scam Prevention Workshop

Agreed: (3d) That with regard to item above, the Chair will be the contact for the Trust on our behalf and will enrol by 30 May on the voter registration for the AGM.

3(e) That members would be asked to say a little about the volunteering they undertake outside of the U3A at the next coffee morning to celebrate Volunteer Week.

3(g) That information about the short story competition be circulated to members.

3ii That the request for STEM volunteers be circulated to members.

3iii That the offer of the workshop from Silvertime Legal be declined.

4. Treasurer's Report

Noted: That documents from the Treasurer had been circulated by email. These contained the summary account and budget forecasts to the end of March 2023. The April figures had been added although they had not yet been reconciled with the April bank statement.

That the Annual National Subscription to the Third Age Trust was paid in April £1144.00 for 286 members.

That the monies for TAM magazine subscriptions had been submitted.

That the Greater Manchester U3A network had been disbanded due to lack of volunteers to take on the officers' roles on the Committee.

5. Secretary's Report

Noted: That there was nothing to report beyond the Correspondence.

6. Group / Membership Secretary's Report

Noted: That Pam Zuntz had emailed members who didn't look to be members of any groups. Some had responded that they had been ill, some had not been added to group lists. It was felt to have been a productive exercise.

That an email had been sent to Group Leaders asking for tips, information and photos for the website. There had been little response.

That there had been suggestions for new groups such as Cooking for One, Flower arranging and Dog Walking. Unfortunately there was a lack of facilities and no one who would lead the groups.

7. Any Other Business

Noted: i. That the Committee wished a Happy Birthday to Pam.

ii. That Diane Butterworth had been delighted with the flowers sent on behalf of the U3A.

iii. That there had been a drop off in numbers at coffee mornings.

iv. That the acoustics in Bradbury House were sometimes poor.

Agreed: i. That Group Leaders would be asked if they could present about their groups, perhaps once a year, at coffee mornings.

ii. That a Facebook page might be useful as a means to publicise events and information. Volunteer administrator would be required to set it up.

iii. That there is a loop microphone headset which belongs to the U3A. A call will be put out to leaders to see where it might be. It may be in the locker.

8. Door Rota

Agreed: That Jo Mortlock will be on the door for June and Dorothy Stringer for July.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed: That the next meeting be held on 29th June, 9.30 Bradbury House.