

Minutes of Glossop U3A committee Meeting – 13th May 2021

This meeting was conducted on 'Zoom' due to the Corvid19 crisis.

- 1) Present – Barbara Connah, Glyn Connah, Chris Blackett, Jo Mortlock, Pam Zuntz, Brigitte Manchee, Diane Butterworth, and Hazel Allman.
- 2) Apologies –Maureen Brierley, Sue Vince. Sue has resigned from the committee as her health problems have prevented her from making the contribution she would have liked. Barbara has thanked Sue for her 2 years' service as a committee member.
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting –Proposed Jo Mortlock, Seconded Pam Zuntz that minutes be accepted.
- 4) Matters Arising – Chris has sent the new logo to Maureen to put on the letter heading. New logo actions are now complete.
- 5) Correspondence
 - a. Various communications from the Third Age Trust including the latest Newsletters, Finance FAQs, AGM and election of directors, Beacon update, – upgrade delayed indefinitely – Advice on constitutions and covid and miscellaneous events.
 - b. A note from Jose Anderson of the North West Region network with a questionnaire about u3a Day.
 - c. The Annual Return form which usually comes in the post has not yet arrived. Glyn will chase this up as we have to complete this before we can be invoiced for the capitation fee. (see Treasurer's Report) **GC**
- 6) Treasurer's Report
 - a. Maureen circulated the attached report in advance of the meeting along with the summary of accounts and budget forecast. This was read at the meeting in Maureen's absence.
 - b. Capitation fee due for 240 paid members + 6 life members. See above.
 - c. Payment for the magazines was based on previous numbers but there are fewer subscribers this time. We will get a refund next February.
- 7) Committee Secretary's Report
 - a. Work on web talks, constitution and u3a Day to be discussed under AOB.
 - b. April newsletter issued.
- 8) Membership Secretary's Report – Diane sent out copies of the newsletter by post to members not on email including a request to let us know if they have since started using email. This gave us 2 more names to add to email list and remove from the postal list.
- 9) Group and Activities Coordinator's Report – Pam has contacted Group Leaders but didn't get much response about restarting as rules are relaxed. Poetry and book reading groups are to continue on email until September. The Bowling group are thinking of starting again when the rules permit. Chris has taken over the Monday Walkers and will look to restart in a month or so. Vida runs the other group but didn't want to restart while the limit was 6. Food Appreciation and Posh Nosh can't meet under current conditions. Partington are opening on 20th May but we haven't heard from Maureen about Dancing for Fun.
- 10) AOB
 - a. Road Map

We have received information about venues reopening from 17th May but Bradbury house has a limit of 6 so it would not be feasible for us to start meetings yet. The limit for outdoor gatherings will be 30 from 17th May. Hazel had proposed a gathering outdoors and Brigitte reported that there would be some interest in a casual outdoor meeting. Hazel thinks the toilet facilities would be a problem at

Manor Park and has been searching for somewhere that also has good indoor facilities and outside space. This could still be a problem while the rule of 6 applies indoors so it would be better to wait until 21st June when further relaxations are expected. The idea is to have a picnic where people bring their own food. Meanwhile Hazel will investigate further and find out prices for hiring a room somewhere where an outdoor get together could be held eg cricket club, bowling club. **HA**

- b. U3ADay – The date of Wednesday 2nd June was chosen to coincide with Volunteers Week. Glyn has received a questionnaire from the North West Region asking what we are doing. While restrictions are still in place this isn't ideal as an opportunity to promote Glossopu3a. Diane proposed that the committee did an informal walk-about in Manor Park wearing our badges. There was support for this but Chris pointed out that, even for an informal event, we would have to do a covid risk assessment. Diane was concerned that we would appear negative if we choose not to do anything. The alternative proposal is to choose a day in September when we hope most restrictions will have been lifted and use it to promote the start of a new year for us. Meanwhile, we should put out a message to say we will be back soon. Ideas include having a stall at the outdoor market, distributing leaflets and an item in Glossop Chronicle. Glyn will fill in the NW region questionnaire accordingly. **GC**
- c. Web Talks – We have received an email from Mirthy to say that they are moving to zoom for all talks from 1st June at a cost of £150. This is too much for us so the May talk will be the last one. Glyn will email members after the May talk to inform them of this but also to suggest looking for free talks. Eg Events on the Third Age site. **GC**
- d. Constitution – Glyn had circulated a proposal to change our constitution to align with the way we held the AGM in 2020 rather than the more complicated and general change proposed by the Third Age Trust. Two additional sub-paragraphs are proposed.

Paragraph 13 – AGM.

'In the event that exceptional circumstances prevent the meeting from being held in person then the meeting may be held as a closed meeting in a virtual form using suitable electronic means.'

Paragraph 14 – Procedure.

'If circumstances require a closed virtual meeting then issues requiring a vote will be put to members in advance. Votes may be submitted by electronic means or by post to the Secretary via the Chair as proxy. The total of votes submitted will count towards the quorum.'

Glyn will put this proposal to the contact on the constitution at the Third Age Trust. If it is accepted, then we can put it to the next AGM. **GC**

Next Meeting Thursday 24th June 2021 at 11.00am.

Glyn Connah

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Treasurer's Report

1. The Summary Account and the Budget Forecast, with actual figures up to the end of April are available for the committee.
2. The total amount in both bank accounts, to the end of April is £10,862.16, of which £7,551.75 is core U3A.
3. The Third Age Trust annual subscription has not yet been paid as the annual returns form hasn't been received.
4. Payment of £73.78 has been made for the postage for the TA Magazine. This is greater than the amount banked this month of £49.60. This is because the first 2021-22 window for members receiving the new year's magazines passed before our members had indicated they wanted to receive it. Third Age Trading used the list from last year. The members' list has now been updated but we will not get a rebate until after the last magazine of the year has been posted in February/March 22.
5. The three cheques not cashed after 8 months have now been cancelled at the bank and the amount credited back into the relevant accounts. The three members will be receiving their refunds this month in cash.
6. Two Mirthy talks for March and April have been paid.
7. I have adjusted the Petty Cash account this month on the Summary as a payment in September for £18.85 for postage by JL (made in July 20) was missed. Petty Cash holds £28.30.

Maureen Brierley