

MINUTES OF THE MARKET DRAYTON u3a COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 18 APRIL 2023 AT
6 THE PADDOCKS, MARKET DRAYTON AT 2.00 PM

Present:

Alan Cartwright	Chair; Magazine Editor
Andy Shearer	Treasurer
Judy Cowdale	Membership Secretary
Pam Shryane	Committee Member
Candice Danleigh	National Co-ordinator

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions. Apologies were received from Phil Glover, Jacqui Wright, Colin Barthorpe and Sue Walker.

2. Minutes of the last Committee meeting. The Minutes were accepted.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

a. ICE (1). Following the last meeting, at which the Membership Secretary read out an email from Brian McClelland, regarding the provision of 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) contact numbers for members of the Recorder group of which Brian is the Convenor, Alan spoke with Brian. The outcome was a suggestion from Alan to remove the Recorder Group from the MD u3a list of Special Interest Groups as the majority of its members were not u3a members. This was accepted and agreed.

b. ICE (2). Andy spoke to a very helpful lady in the advice department of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Essentially, our branch is regarded as a 'Data Processor' while the actual 'Data Controller' is the legal entity, which presumably is the Third Age Trust.

In short, we are not in breach of the Regulations by capturing any form of data from our members (ICE included) given the fact that everyone has the right to withhold their data at any time, and also the right 'to be forgotten'. However, all member's data must be kept securely for as long as it is required and that any member has a right to see what we hold about them. The lady also agreed that a centralised list of data held by the Committee (which has clear guidelines from the u3a on roles and responsibilities) would be preferable and more secure than random sets of details held by individuals.

The salient point here is that members are often involved with several groups and their ICE information are therefore on several lists held by several people!

4. Leadership Report. This item has been removed permanently from the Committee agenda as the information is provided under other points on the agenda.

5. Secretary's Report. None on this occasion.

6. Treasurer's Report. Andy provided the meeting with a copy of his report; he said £58.00 less than last month had been received. ***Please see Appendix.***

7. Web Site and Publicity. No report on this occasion. Alan informed the meeting of his suggestion to the web-administrator (Jill) to link 'The Magazine' to the web-site so that it is freely available for anyone browsing u3a information. This is on-going.
8. Newsletter. From this point forward the 'Newsletter' item will be entitled 'The Magazine'.
9. Membership Secretary's Report. Judy reported the MD u3a now has 203 paid-up members and that a total of 30 new members had joined since Sep 2022. Judy also said she had received an email, via Phil Glover, from a member of the MD Library staff asking for updated information, even though she had provided an updated poster to them just a few weeks ago. A new poster plus a copy of the one in the FDC has been emailed to the library.
10. Growth matters. No report on this occasion.
11. Monthly Meetings at the Festival Drayton Centre (FDC).
 - a. Alan will give the vote of thanks at the meeting on 20 April.
 - b. Andy mentioned that a check should be made regarding the cost of tea/coffee/biscuits provided by the FDC as we seem to be paying more for these items than is advertised in the FDC menus.
 - c. Colin had provided a list of 'Walks, Talks & Virtual Presentations' for 2024 given by Nigel & Bridget Hinton from which he had asked one presentation should be selected by the Committee. Chosen subject: Shrewsbury Ghosts and Spirits.
12. Market Drayton u3a 25th Anniversary Celebrations. This item is ongoing; the Anniversary sub-committee need to arrange a further meeting; no report on this occasion.
14. Special Interest Groups.
 - a. A second Pub Lunch group has been started with a new u3a member convening the group (George Ruddock). The first lunch for this group has been arranged for 25 May 2023 at the Four Alls pub.
 - b. Andy mentioned that the Music Group, convened by Harry Hitchen, is up and running and "going well".
15. Market Drayton Community Enterprise Festivals. Nothing to report on this occasion.
16. Any Other Business (AOB).
 - a. Signatories. New signatories are needed as Pam will be standing down from the Committee in August and Beryl Edwards is no longer our National Co-ordinator; Phil Glover will be added to our list of signatories.
 - b. 'Polecat' Advertising Stand. Andy asked about the purchase of a 'polecat' advertising stand for use at monthly meetings etc. Judy said she thought Phil was looking into it.

c. Mediumship Group. Candice made a suggestion that we might want to publicise our mediumship SIG in the National Magazine as this subject is particularly unusual for SIGs, one not seen in other u3as. Alan suggested leaving this a little while to see how the Group progresses; Judy said she thought the group would not get any bigger but thinks it might be better to wait and see.

17. Date of Next Meeting. The next Committee meeting will take place on 16 May 2023 at Pine Trees, Buntingsdale Road, Market Drayton, at 2.00 pm.

The meeting was closed at 3.30 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Dated: _____

APPENDIX

Treasurer's Report Errata

Andy's amended report (having spent a little time reconciling the bank to his income/expenditure sheets.

Amended MD U3A Income and Expenditure statement for committee meeting
Tuesday 18 April 2023

Balance b/f
from 14 Mar 23
£4,343.71

Income

Expenditure

Date	Credit	Item	Amount		Date	Chq	Item	Amount
21 Mar 23	568	Subscriptions	£24.00		16 Mar 23	875	Guest Speaker fees	£100.00
21 Mar 23	568	Visitor payments	£6.00					
3 Apr 23	569	Subscriptions	£12.00					
		Total income	£42.00				Total Expenditure	£100.00

Balance at
18 Apr 23
£4,285.71