

Minutes of the Market Drayton u3a committee meeting held on 16/05/23 at Pinetrees, Buntingsdale Road, Market Drayton at 2pm.

1. Present

Alan Cartwright	Chair, Magazine Editor
Colin Barthorpe	Vice chair, Programme Secretary
Phil Glover	Secretary
Andy Shearer	Treasurer
Judy Cowdale	Membership Secretary
Jill Glover	Website Administrator
Sue Walker	Committee Member

Apologies Jacqui Wright and Pam Shyrane - Committee members

2. Minutes of last meeting

Accepted

3. Matters arising

The issue of ICE data is still be be resolved.

The Recorder Group removed from SIGs.

Awaiting reply from FDC on the costs of refreshments.

4. Secretary's report

The Third Age Trust (TAT) has installed a new facility called the u3a Portal.

This facility has been used for completing our Annual Return and updating our Committee details.

5. Treasurer's report

Statement of accounts 16/05/23.

Balance: £2223.48 cr

There were 3 major items of expenditure in the past month:

a) Printing and distribution costs of the Magazine.

b) Late invoices from the TAT associated with the TAM magazine.

c) Payment to the TAT of our annual subscription.

Andy reported that increased costs were affecting our Income and Expenditure balance. It was agreed that the Committee should make a critical review of finances and discuss at the next meeting.

6. Website and Publicity

Jill reported on the update and changes made to the website and to the Facebook page.

Some SIG pages have not been updated recently. Jill to check situation with convenors.

Jill volunteered to take on the role of coordinating our publicity requirements. This was accepted by the committee.

We have an opportunity, on the 20th July of creating a display of current u3a activities in Market Drayton's Museum window. Jill to contact convenors for ideas and contributions.

7. Magazine

Published, distributed and added to the website.

8. Membership Report

Total 205 paid members. 3 new members in the last month.

9. 'u3a Growth Matters' and New Members Meeting.

Phil to issue report to Committee members for discussion at next meeting.

10. Monthly meetings at FDC

Programme of speakers finalised up to and including October 2024.

Phil to propose VOT on 18/5/23

11. MD u3a 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

Event confirmed

12. Culture Trip Salford Quays 4/9/23

As planned.

13. Special Interest Groups

No report

14. MD Community Enterprise festivals.

Phil to apply for a place at the next event on 4/10/23.

15. AOB

- a) It was agreed that the Newsletter in the Magazine and the Newsletter on the website were a duplication. It was decided to change the Newsletter on the Website to NEWS which will report current news and notices.
- b) This year's AGM was discussed. It was agreed to create a tab on the website to contain essential information. It was also agreed that Phil would send some key points to the committee for discussion at the next meeting.
- c) The Shropshire u3a Network was missed off the Agenda. There was no meeting.

16. Next meeting.

2pm 13/6/23 at No 6, The Paddocks, Market Drayton

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:30pm

Signed

Date