

GLOSSOP U3A

Minutes of Committee Meeting January 23rd 2014 at Bradbury House, Glossop

1. Present:

John Searle, Maureen Brierley, Maureen Brennan, Maureen Hobson, Alan Conchie, Barbara Connah, Barbara Roberts, Norma Hayden.

2. Apologies:

Doreen Ball, Sylvia Rogerson.

3. Minutes:

Clarification of AGM quorum raised by AC. The constitution of 2005 states that the quorum for an AGM is 20% of the membership.

Maureen proposed, and Norma Hayden seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held on November 21st 2013 be accepted. This was agreed by the committee.

4. Matters Arising

JS will raise the question of a new accounts examiner at the next coffee morning and Thursday group.

AC asked if anyone is doing anything about WW1. MAB suggested a small committee may arrange it. MH suggested we ask at coffee mornings for volunteers. MB has asked someone to do a presentation at the Monday speakers group. AC proposed that Sylvia asks group co-ordinators to do something relevant to their group. JS will announce this at the next coffee morning.

AC proposed and JS seconded.

5. Correspondence:

MH has had a letter from Bradbury House about coaches stopping outside to pick up members. This causes congestion and is a hazard. They propose a charge of £5 for use of a room to wait in. MAB proposed the money should come out of the coach trip costs. Trip organizers to be informed. JS has had a letter from Head Office saying the RHS is offering U3A groups a 10% discount for groups of over ten people.

JS has had a letter from Bradbury House to inform him they are having an open day to celebrate twenty years. They asked if the U3A wanted a table to promote the group. It was decided that we do not have enough time to organize this.

The committee has noted the email from WellFit and has passed it on to JS to give to GALOP.

6. Treasurer's report:

MAB gave budget forecast for 2013/2014. MAB is going to contact Head Office to ask if we have to pay equipment insurance. MAB asked for authorisation to void three out of date cheques.

The committee gave authorisation.

7. Committee Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

MB said that members not paying for the U3A magazine by the end of January will be taken off the list. MB will get in touch with Head Office for a schedule.

9. Group & Activities Coordinator's Report:

Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business

Neil wants to step down from the Charity Commission and projector custodian. AC explained the duties of the Charity Commission and JS volunteered to take over the role from Neil.

JS suggested Bradbury House may have somewhere to store the projector. BC checked and we have a large locker available. MAB said we have insurance for the projector.

MAB said new groups must not assume that they can have £50 as a start up amount. They are meant to be self financing. MAB gave the committee a leaflet explaining the situation which she will give to Sylvia, who can then give one to all new group co-ordinators.

The committee felt that enough is being done at the coffee morning to help new members.

AC suggested that the committee makes some preparation for the 2014/2015 committee.

Meeting closed at 1. 45. p.m.

Next committee meeting March 13th. 2014