

**Glossop U3A**  
**Committee Meeting, Bradbury House, Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 12.00 noon**  
**Minutes**

1. **APOLOGIES.** Rita France. David Woods, Maureen Hobson  
**PRESENT.** Jean Cliff, Alan Conchie Pat Manchee, Sylvia Rodgerson, Jean Saunders, John Searle, Graham Sharratt, Kath Shaw, Ann Woods,
2. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS** Chairman absent.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** PM proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>TH</sup> January 2010 be accepted as a true record. The proposal was seconded by JC and agreed by all.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - JS had investigated other ways of producing badges and had concluded that the current method is the simplest and the cheapest. KS proposed that badges should be printed from the master data base held by the Membership Secretary to ensure accuracy. This was seconded by GS and agreed by all.
  - At the request of all the ex-members of the now defunct Textile Group, the money which was left after the group was disbanded should go to the Welfare Group. Our thanks are to be passed on to the members concerned. **ACTION(i) RF**
  - All Committee members have now received the new membership list. There is an add-on to come as more new members have joined. **ACTION(ii) PM**
  - JS proposed that the Singing for Pleasure Group be given the go-ahead to purchase a karaoke machine for the sum of £40.00. This was seconded by PM and agreed unanimously. **ACTION(iii)SR**
  - Membership Handbook is now available on the website.
  - Copies of the handbook are available on the desk for new members.
  - A letter has been sent in support of the Lottery Heritage Funding bid for GLAS.
  - The Derbyshire Building Society Account now has four signatories instead of three
  - Email addresses need to be checked. AC will check the addresses for the Thursday Group members. **ACTION(iv)AC**
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** GS distributed Budget Forecast and was able to report that we are on a par with last year at this time, and are therefore on target.
6. **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT** JS had nothing to report, but proposed that in future if a member of the Committee has to leave a meeting early, we do not attempt to gear the conclusion of our meeting to coincide with the member's departure. This was seconded by PM and agreed unanimously.
7. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT** PM reported that our membership is still growing. There has been a good response to the suggested extra meeting for non-Thursday group members. The suggested date was April 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will cost £2.00 and will be on sale at the two intervening Coffee Mornings. JS proposed that PM go ahead but should not involve members who currently attend Thursday Morning meetings. JC seconded the proposal. Ten members voted for, and there was one abstention. GS proposed that the new group be funded by the U3A. It was seconded by AW and agreed by all. **ACTION(v)PM**
8. **EVENTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT** JC reported that the calendar is filling up and there are lots of new events which at present have not been announced.
9. **GROUP COORDINATOR'S REPORT** Two of the three new groups, Singing for Pleasure and Globetrotting have taken off but there is a slow uptake for Military History. For the time being the Spanish Group has been put on hold. A first walk has been arranged for the new Strolling Group on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Preparations for the November showcase, 'Anything Goes' are proceeding. GS asked if there was a handbook which can be given to new groups to help them get started. The group coordinators will produce a document to be discussed at the next meeting. **ACTION(vi)PF/SR**

## 10. THURSDAY GROUP

- As coordinator of the Thursday Group finances, AC explained that with the current membership of 150 the total subscriptions amounted to nearly £1950.00. Expenditure will very nearly match subscriptions at the end of the year based on current projections. Therefore we need the membership to remain at 150 if we are to maintain the status quo. A reduction of numbers is not possible without revising subscription levels.
- It was agreed that we needed to move forward on the management of the Thursday Group and after much discussion, it was felt that we need to clarify the recommended roles needed to manage the group, and to have these explained to the Thursday Group members. It was suggested that as AC already had the role of coordinator of the Thursday Group finances, he was best placed to do this. He agreed that he would if the Committee so wanted and the date suggested was the 17<sup>th</sup>. March. PM proposed that we go ahead on these suggestions and GS seconded the proposal. It was agreed unanimously. **ACTION(vii)AC**

## 11. AOB

- GS pointed out that the current application form for membership of the Thursday Group needs to be updated in view of the fact that members now do not need to state the groups to which they belong. **ACTION(viii)PM/GS**
- GS suggested that we should have a document prepared to give to members who are starting up new groups. This is to be on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. **ACTION(ix)JS**
- Both J Serle and SR confirmed that they did not have any induction into the responsibilities of being a committee member. GS suggested a programme for the induction of new Management Committee members should be prepared. This is to be discussed at the next Committee meeting. **ACTION(x)JS**
- J Serle told the Committee that he did not know that Thursday meetings are open to all after 11.00am.
- SR suggested that we should have some clarification of the membership of the Committee for the year 2011-2012. This is to be discussed at the next Committee meeting. **ACTION(xi)JS**

**The next Committee Meeting will be held on  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 12 noon at Bradbury House**

Jean Saunders  
Committee Secretary  
February 27<sup>th</sup>. 2011