

zGlossop U3A
Committee Meeting,Bradbury House,Thursday July 7th 2011 12.00 noon

Minutes.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Anne Woods, Peter Fish, Jean Saunders.
2. **PRESENT.** Alan Conchie, Rita France, Pat Manchee, Maureen Hobson, Sylvia Rogerson, Jean Cliff, John Searle, Graham Sharratt, Kath Shaw, David Woods.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS .** At the Meeting held on Thursday, 30th June the Committee to manage the Thursday Group was agreed upon. Leader – Kathleen Gorman, Assistant Neill Manchee, Back Up Denise Porter. Treasurer – Barbara Connah, Assistant Maureen Brierley, Back up Barbara Roberts. Membership Jean Shirley, Assistant Pat Manchee, Back up Rita France. Door – Norma Wright, Assistant Pauline Cunningham, Back up Marion Aveson. Set Up – Joan Fletcher, John Eaton, Neill Manchee, Roger Fletcher.
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.** Alan Conchie proposed the minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2011 be accepted as a true record. The proposal was seconded by Graham Sharratt and agreed by all
5. **MATTERS ARISING.**
 - (i) New Leaflet "How to Start a New Group" was now more concise. Leaflet considered by the committee and approved by all.
 - (ii) Management of the Thursday Group – A meeting between Kathleen Gorman, Barbara Connah, Jean Shirley and Norma Wright is being arranged. Rita France requested any questions from members of the Thursday Group to the Management Committee be put in writing. Management Committee may need to call a Special Meeting if necessary.
 - (iii) Volunteers to help Arnie with Speakers, etc., to be left for the Thursday Group to arrange.
 - (iv) Update Application Form for Thursday Group - Rita France to assist Jean Shirley draw up new Application form for the Thursday Group. **Action RF/JS**
Life Members – To stay as at present, not paying yearly subscriptions but still to pay Group Subscriptions.
 - (v) Induction of New Committee Members – The format of the new document was discussed and agreed upon by all. It was agreed that the induction of new Members would be carried out over three meetings with Alan Conchie. Alan was thanked for the work carried out on this document. **Action AC**
 - (vi) AGM Paperwork. Rita France informed Committee only a few of the 150 Papers for the Thursday Group are left for posting, but large numbers of other group members require posting. Pat Manchee reiterated that members need to be reminded only 100 Members at a time to be allowed in room. Discussions took place on how to deal with this problem. Alan Conchie suggested using a ticket only entrance to the AGM. Tickets to be made available at September coffee morning and at subsequent meetings. Tickets to be collected personally and the onus put on individual members to collect their ticket – No ticket no entry. This was agreed by all.
 - (vii) Distribution of the sheet re financial responsibilities of group leaders – Left in abeyance until Peter Fish returns. **Action PF/SR**
 - (viii) List of Assets from Group Leaders - Scrabble 2 Scrabble Boards and 1 dictionary. Genealogy Book (Ancestral Trails) Singing for Pleasure Karaoke Machine, Easy Listening CD player and speakers. Peter Fish Old CD player, Jenny Winder Sewing Machine, Rita France Epidiascope, Music Appreciation CD player, Amplifier, Carrying case for CD player, Carrying Case for Amplifier.
 - (ix) Use of CD for the announcement of dates of next meeting – Rita France confirmed that at the meeting on 31st June 2011 the Group unanimously voted for announcements to be continued in the present format. The use of a CD announcing forthcoming events at the Coffee Morning was rejected by the Committee.
 - (x) 'Are you in a Rut' Pat Manchee and Sylvia Rogerson to draw up list of members of existing Groups
Action PM/SR
Discussions took place on how to monitor if members of Glossop U3A are members of Groups or just join for Theatre/outings/short breaks. No conclusion was arrived at. Pat Manchee to look at using XL on the Computer to monitor joining date of new members and if renewal of membership takes place.
New Membership Application Forms to be drawn up by Pat Manchee to incorporate what new members can Offer. **Action PM.**

From September, on Coffee Mornings there is to be an allocated desk for the Group Co-ordinators where New Members can be welcomed and given all relevant information. Proposed by Rita France and Seconded by Maureen Hobson and agreed by all. **Action PF/SR**

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Graham Sharratt gave members a copy of the projected Accounts for the year ending 31st August 2011. These covered just 10 months. The accounts show a healthy balance although the reserves are still high. Next years subscriptions to be maintained at £5 unanimously agreed by the Committee. Many discussions took place regarding the finances of the Thursday Group. Alan Conchie proposed that 'if in the future the Thursday Group Committee approached the Management Committee for an input of funds it would be looked upon favourably' this proposal was seconded by Rita France. The Committee voted 5 for the proposal and 3 against.
7. **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT - absent**
8. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Nothing to report**
9. **EVENT CO-ORDINATORS REPORT - Nothing to report**
10. **GROUP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT - absent**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Maureen Hobson informed the Committee that the University of Derby have now paid the £500 owing from the cancellation of the meal at Buxton Dome.

Alan Conchie reported on a meeting with a small group of the proposed Friday Group – they felt that as members of U3A and not the Thursday Group they missed out on information regarding outings etc., That when joining the U3A they found the process was highly confusing. As there was no measure of support at present the forming of the Friday Group to be left in abeyance.

Discussion of events like the Mad Hatters Tea party. Graham Sharratt suggested that at these kind events all monies collected should be paid into the Welfare Group bank account the ideal place in which to hold and then transfer (by cheque) the money.

Rita France read out a letter from Tony Dewberry in which he stated the reserves held by Glossop U3A of £6310 were too high. Committee agreed that this matter should be left for the new Committee to action.

Maureen Hobson gave to apologies for being unable to attend the next committee meeting.

Next meeting Thursday, 22nd September 2011 at 12 noon at Bradbury House.

Meeting closed at 2.p.m.
Jean Cliff.