

Minutes of Glossop U3A Committee Meeting September 17th 2015

1. **Present.** John Searle, Maureen Brennan, Doreen Ball, Barbara Connah, David Woods, Monica Haggart, Maureen Brierley, Clive Littlewood, Barbara Roberts.
2. **Apologies.** Norma Hayden, Sylvia Rogerson.
3. **Minutes of last Meeting (July 23rd)** D.B. proposed and M.A.B. seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held on July 23rd were correct and all present agreed.
4. **Matters Arising.** We have now acquired a head mike which needs testing and J.S. will test it at the next coffee morning. J.S. said that all charity activities must go through the committee. All the committee agreed with everything that the chairman had said about charities at the AGM.
5. **Chairman's Welcome to New Committee Member.** The chairman gave a warm welcome to Clive Littlewood, our new committee member and said that Clive is now a trustee of the U3A.
6. **Responsibilities of New Members.** There is an induction course, and an official book for Clive and a member of the committee is going to look into it.
7. **Correspondence.** We have received the 2014/2015 Treasurer's report for the Third Age Trust, also information about a one day "Elizabethan Experience" at The Globe Theatre, London.
8. **Treasurer's Report.** M.A.B. would like to stress to all group leaders that all monies presented for banking must be counted and in clearly marked envelopes on a Thursday at 11-00a.m. Also, all accounts must have two signatures. The Treasurer asked the committee for a new laptop as her own is very old and she cannot download emails, also it is not secure. As we have £4,500 in reserve J.S. proposed and M.B. seconded that this could be allowed up to £500 maximum, all agreed. MAB proposed that we have a 5th signatory, BC volunteered; all will have to do mandates again.
9. **Committee Secretary's Report.** Nothing to report.
10. **Membership Secretary's Report.** So far 270 members have paid their subscriptions.
11. **Group Co-Ordinator's Report.** Nothing to report.
12. **Any Other Business.** BR offered to do the subscription money when MB is away. Monica Haggart requested a start up grant for a Quilting group she is starting, she will first have to get an invoice. The sewing machine will have to be PAT tested. Bradbury House Manageress, Lorraine has offered us a large locker and it is proposed that we use it for non valuable things until we can have it fitted with a lock and then put our laptop and projector in it. Our new member Clive has volunteered to give training in the use of the U3A laptop and projector. SR will ask group leaders or nominees to have training if they need the laptop.

The Committee would like to note our extreme disappointment with the attendance at the AGM. We have 380 members, of which only 55 attended. A lot of people work hard to keep the U3A running and we feel that there should be a little more support from members. This also applies to the Tea and Coffee bar run by May Southall. She greatly needs more volunteers. All the money raised goes directly to the Welfare fund which sends cards and flowers to members who are ill or bereaved. More help from members would be much appreciated.

The meeting closed at 12-45a.m.

The next meeting is November 19th.

Barbara Roberts.