

**MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
MAIDENHEAD U3A
HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT SPORTSABLE**

In attendance: Members of the Maidenhead U3A group

Committee of the U3A:

Acting Chairman	Nigel Roper
Resigning Chairman	Hilary Brodie
Resigning Treasurer	Bill Teasdale
Membership Secretary and N/L	Carol Cameron
Speakers & TVN Representative	Jean Myhill
Group Co-Ordinator Representative & TVN Representative	Ian Ross
Secretary	Mo Wright
John Twydle	Proposed Treasurer
Cynthia Wood	Proposed Committee Member

Absent:

Hilary Warren	Resigning from the Committee
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1. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accounts were issued with the February Newsletter, so attendees had an opportunity to read prior to AGM

The Statement of Assets: The cash at bank has increased by some £1,800 during the year and this represents a surplus of income over expenditure for 2016.

The receipts and payments account: The explanation of increases in **income** due to coach outings, membership subscriptions and conference expenses was supplied. Also, the increase in **postal costs, group, and recruitment expenses** were explained.

Provisions for general meetings – down by £375 due to savings with SportsAble. We have also made savings on publicity of £274.

TAT Newsletter distribution. The costs are likely to go up this year because of increased membership and postage.

Website : some minor costs for the new WWW are due this year.

A deficit was incurred on the Christmas Party.

A question was asked by Jenny Cooper: were we thinking of reprinting the booklet of all the activities going on in our U3A and a query regarding general meetings also received.

Answer: The booklet goes out of date very quickly and it is too expensive. You will hear from Nigel about our new WWW. Also, the expenses went down last year due to a reduction in the expenses with SportsAble – reduction of number of teas and biscuits.

We certainly thank John Tryon for acting as our auditor and he has kindly agreed to continue in this role for yet another year. Proposed by Bill Teasdale and seconded by John Twydle.

The proposal to elect John Twytle as Treasurer was signed by Bill Teasdale and seconded by Hilary Brodie. The audience agreed.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Note: This is a summary and a full report can be found on our website (www.maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

An introduction was made to new members, those without email addresses (85) and what we are going to do: link to a friend with an email.

We hold two meetings a year to welcome new members and introduce them to all of our groups. We also hold a Convenors' meeting to say a big thankyou to them.

Beacon was mentioned as this proves an excellent management database: easy to manage, issue emails to members and convenors, and we are going to obtain a barcode scanner so that we can use this on your membership badges each month (no more signing in but you will have to do so if you forget your badges).

Jenny Cooper raised a question: Can she have a copy of the new members listing? Nigel agreed he would let her have one.

Other issues: what the Committee can do to help members; the new WWW; the success of the Christmas party and how we are going to work towards live music this year.

The proposal to elect Cynthia Wood to the Committee was signed by Bill Teasdale and Hilary Wood. Agreement from the audience.

The Chairman's Report was proposed by Mary-Lou Kellaway and seconded by Margarett Shore.

3. GROUP CONVENORS REPORT

Ian started by echoing Nigel's thanks to the convenors, group leaders and group members, who run their own show and make the interest groups successful through their active leadership and participation.

We currently have 67 interest groups and our records indicate that a large majority of our members participate in at least one group. When a larger space or special facilities are needed, we will help find a suitable venue and subsidies are usually available.

It is true that about 80% of our groups are at or close to their maximum number. There are of course waiting lists and other ways round this, such as moving to larger premises or dividing the group in two and one of the roles of the Committee is to help resolve these situations, while recognising there may be other issues. For example, more advanced groups understandably may not wish to be held up by beginners.

It was suggested the following groups could do with more members: Aviation, Carpet Bowls, Creative Cards, Current Affairs 3, French 2, French 4, German Conversation, Latin, Maths, Poetry Studies, Popular Music 1, Recorder Group, Russian, Spanish for Holiday Makers 2.

It was requested that if anyone was interested, they should let Ian Ross know. If you need help in this area there is a booklet available to you.

Recent new groups were mentioned such as a Poetry Studies Group and Theatre Group.

Interactive session: new groups suggested are Photography, Bridge (beginners) and Elementary Science. There was a good show of hands for Photography (6) a few for Bridge (5) but less for Elementary Science. Speak to Ian Ross.

4. SPORTSABLE

A representative from SportsAble came to the meeting to explain where they were with the redevelopment and the Council. They are in constant discussions with a hesitant agreement on the table at the moment. To illustrate how things are changing in Maidenhead it was explained that the Maidenhead Golf Club had been sold. The Magnet Leisure Centre was to be moved to Braywick. This now means SportsAble will have a reduced footprint but it was agreed that SportsAble was not a threat to Magnet. In essence, the Council want the Magnet Leisure Centre existing site to build houses. The meetings and discussions continue.

A number of questions were asked and answered satisfactorily.

THE MEETING WAS THEN CLOSED