

STOCKPORT U3A

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2026

Present: Mr. A. Drysdale (Chairman) Mrs. J. Davies (Vice Chair) Mrs. G. Cameron (Treasurer) Ms. P. Hadfield (Membership Secretary) Mrs. M. Gillespie (Secretary) Mr. K. Jones (Webmaster) Mrs. B. Marriott (Committee) Mrs. M. Mins (Committee) Mr. L. Scholes (Committee)

No Apologies for absence.

Minutes of the Last meeting 2nd April were read and approved.

Matters arising from the minutes. – Joan mention that the Networking group appears to not be advantageous to our group as the agenda is always the same, as a result of this the committee decided not to continue attending these meetings.

Gill mention the subscription to Microsoft 365 needs cancelling as it is no longer used (KJ to action).

Correspondence

Alex read out a letter from one of the members who was voicing concern over that fact that we lock the main door just before the Open Meeting starts. On checking the rules, it does appear that as long as there's an exit available and the key will be left in the main door, we are not outside the law; our main concern is to keep our members safe. Alex will explain this at our October meeting and will reply personally to the member in question. (AD)

Room Bookings and Groups

Alex announced that the first meeting of his beginners Tai Chi Group at Hazel Grove Reform Church had gone very well with 14 members attending.

Milly mentioned that we have two dormant groups on the website Travel and Music Appreciation, it was agreed that we will remove these two groups, Ken will remove them (KJ)

Pauline and Joan have both been contacted from a person from the Meadows, as they have a client who would like to join our Poetry Group, the committee showed concern over this, as (1) this is held in a member's house (2) it's a very small group (3) we are reluctant to give members personal details out to non-members. Pauline has informed the Meadows, if they are still interested, this person needs to attend our Open Meeting in September where, they can be introduced to the group leader of the poetry section.

40th Anniversary

Discussion took place regarding honored guests; it was agreed we cannot make exceptions as there are many members who could fit these criteria.

It was decided to have paper to line the tables, (Margaret will supply the paper) (MM)

Joan will organize the paper cups, Les will get the Cordial, Orange and Blackcurrant was suggested.

Committee members were asked if they could bring a Jug each for the drinks, in the meantime Alex will check with the Church if they have any, if so, Alex will let Milly know who will message the committee accordingly.

Alex has been in touch with the entertainer, and he will contact him again the day before the event. Two birthday cakes and the buffet are ordered. The Committee will meet at 12 noon to help Alex set up

An email will be sent out to remind members that there is no Open Meeting in August and for members just not to turn up unless they have paid their £5 (MG)

Finance Report

There was no financial report, however Gill reported that our attendances at the open meetings were: -

May 114, June 117, July 98

Gill had not yet claimed Gift Aid this year as the new pro forma required by the tax office is still being tested.

Any other business

Barbara asked if an email could be sent out regarding the Shrewsbury trip informing members of the pick-up time and itinerary, Ken will do this (KJ)

Also, Barbara mentioned the possibility of starting an afternoon disco, at this time no decision was made.

As Alex is away in September, Joan will Chair the Open Meeting.

Date of next meeting

5th November @ 2pm Stockport Sunday School

(Gill will provide the refreshments)