Sandbach & District

Registered Charity No: 1105144

Minutes of Sandbach & District u3a Trustees Meeting

held at 9.30am Monday 16 February 2026

Item		Action
1	**Present**: Kate Ashcroft, Alan Casey, Moira Egan, Barrie Hacking, Alice Holmes, Stuart Naylor, Paula Reilly Cooper, Steve Roe, Ken Talbot **Apologies**: Linda Bilsborrow, Gillian Curtis, Gwen Lewis, Linda Williams	
2	**Minutes of January meeting** Acceped as a correct record of the meeting. **Matters arising** None	
3	**AGM Action Plan** So far the number of members voting is massively up on last year.	
4	**Feedback from GL working lunch** Distribution of food was well organised. There were some negative comments about the timing. Linda B will be surveying GLs to get more information about what we should do next year; the survey will include finding out who attended. There is a question about whether giving information is a useful thing to do at this event if about 50% of GLs don't turn up. Socialising with GLs and with trustees is an important part of the event. We will return to this when the survey results are available.	Linda B
5	**Progress with EDI policy** A questionnaire about EDI has been sent to 5 of our main venues; this will be followed up with the smaller venues later. The main areas to look at are wheelchair access, disabled toilet facilities, guide dog access and support for those hard of hearing. Steve and Paula will meet after the AGM to take this forward with respect to groups. A further report can be expected by June.	Steve, Paula, Moira
6	**Library storage box** (This refers to the box kept upstairs for library duty, not the lockable box downstairs) There is nothing confidential in the library box, and it is kept behind a locked door. Ken is still waiting to hear from the librarian about whether we are able to leave the card machine in the box. If there is a problem with this then we could explore getting a lockable box.	Ken
7	**Induction for admin volunteer roles** We agreed that this was a very useful idea. It is likely to happen by the end of April. If any trustees wish to join they are welcome to.	
8	**Finance update** The finance report was accepted. Discussion made it clear that monthly updates don't really give us much useful information, and that we will welcome further guidance from the treasurer about how best to give trustees the information they need to properly understand our finances. The croquet group was given a budget of £2K last year for equipment, out of which about £1300 has been spent. We agreed to their request to be able to spend the rest of the budget on equipment.	Gillian

	We also agreed to a request from Pete Duncan for him to invoice us for £200 for 18 months use of the storage space, and a further £200 towards depreciation of circus equipment that he provides weekly at no charge.	
9	**Membership update** The membership report was accepted.	
10	**Update on groups** Interest in the proposed Talk Time group has been limited so far. Paula will propose that they organise a couple of trial meetings to see if these attract more interest. Nobody has come forward to act as a GL for the Classical Music group. Paula may suggest that as an interim measure they could arrange to meet at Sandbach Concert Series, since this is local, inexpensive, and wouldn't require a lot of organising.	Paula Paula
11	**Trustees admin** Calendar dates noted, including GL working lunch after the membership renewal sessions in July and August. The item referring to the membership application form is deferred until March.	Stuart Stuart
12	**AOB** a) There is a charity coffee morning at the Wesley Centre on March 16, so parking will be difficult for the next trustees meeting. b) Kate will not be present at the AGM, so Ken will deputise for her at the members meeting after the AGM. c) This was Alan's last meeting as a trustee. We recorded our thanks to him for the superbly valuable service he has given to Sandbach u3a over so many years.	Ken
	Meeting closed at 10.50 am. **Next Trustees meeting on Monday 16 March at 09.30 am**	