

Mickleover Library User Group
Minutes
Thursday 27 March 2008
5pm to 7pm

1. Present

J. Buckley, C. Canavan, J. Craggs, M & M Hird, P. Roberts, G. Towers, M. Guyler, E. Johnson, J. Greenway, J. Topham, M. Carruthers, K. Ratcliff

2. Apologies

S. Walker, J. Shaw, S. Jones. S. Jones, other library staff

Jenny, please do not have Thursday off, when there's a MLUG meeting, ever again.

3. Accuracy of minutes

Julie Topham and Suzanne Jones sent apologies for the last meeting.
Secretary has not written those present (keep forgetting)

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

4.1 Licences update (Julie Topham) we do need two licenses for any music – recorded/live.

Let Julie know (in time) if we are intending to have music

5. Ideas for activities

Father's Day card making – June 7th from 10am to 1pm. The two rooms are booked from 9am to 2pm.

We do seem to be providing activities that are more girl friendly than boy. This could become an issue.

6. Financial report

We have £1102. 80p in the bank.

7. Response to concerns from members

7.1 We are raising money to cover running costs. These include

- Refreshments
- Stationery and postage
- Costs in dressing the library window
- Craft stash
- Prizes for raffles

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- 7.2 The membership fee gives guaranteed income to cover running costs and was agreed as part of the constitution.
The subscription fee supported our bid for area funding.
No other concerns were raised.

8. Main agenda

8.1 Arrangements for Photographic competition (Mick Hird)

Please accept apologies if I have not recorded this correctly.

Timeline

Now – it is being advertised on the website

June – competition advertised

July – competition launched

Flyers published – sent to local schools and requests made that they are put in book bags

Photographs displayed in the library from now on

September? –

Flyers sent to local schools and requests made that they are put in book bags

October? – Judging

Other points

Application forms and rules etc– in library and on website

In the library application forms +envelopes

Sending photographs – to be returned in the envelopes with fee.
There will be a box in the library. There will be a rota of MLUG members who volunteer to take it in turn to empty box each night.

Prizes – these will have a reference to photography

8.2 Debrief on Easter Card craft day (Jo Greenway, Maggie Hird)

The timing of the day was better.

Advertising was on a flipchart between the double doors. This had been helpful.

The window display helped.

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8.3 Donations

- The principle (Do we see ourselves as a group who will give donations?)

It was pointed out that we did not expect to be in a position to be asked for or give donations. We seem to be raising money.

The Principle

We should be prepared to make donations.

(The considerations that follow were raised at the meeting and should not be seen as final in any way.)

Considerations

- ❖ Donations should be set up for the benefit of the library and should raise its profile.
- ❖ We should bear in mind that we are aiming to promote the library as a community voice.
- ❖ We would not give money to another group in the area.
- ❖ A request from the library that we support an activity of another group could be considered. The important factor would be that the activity would be directed through the library.

At this point, it was felt that there was an impasse. More discussion at this point would not be helpful.

Donations will be on next months agenda.

Because of the nature of the discussion, I reminded myself of what we, as a group, identified as our aims.

I thought I would reprint them.

The aim of the Group shall be:

Work in partnership with the library service to:

- 2.1 Promote a culture of reading, knowledge and learning in the Mickleover community*
- 2.2 Widen participation in the various activities of the library in Mickleover*
- 2.3 Raise funding as appropriate.*
- 2.4 Act as a focus for the views of library users in Mickleover.*

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- Requests
 - Jenny – yes we will contribute to the expenses of the poet.
 - Pete – no decision yet made on a donation.

8.4 Birds of Prey talk

At this time, MLUG did not feel they could run this.

Carmel to phone Ken M^cLaughlin to tell him of our decision for this time.

8.5 Russia Talk (Carmel Canavan)

26 tickets sold.

Carmel to sell more on Thursday at the coffee morning.

We should have a limit – suggestion of 40.

8.6 Wild Derby Project (Peter Roberts)

The first phase will be the cleaning of the first pond. Scouts are doing this.

Pond dipping will be after – Jo involved in this –

Classification grids to be produced and laminated.

Website address

<http://meadows.gigacities.net>

8.7 Debrief on Coffee Morning (Millie Guyler)

Going well

New timing good

We are now offering coffee in the library

8.8 More information on Bactive (Martyn Rothwell)

Martyn did not attend

8.9 Request for details of venues suitable for exercise classes in Mickleover (Martyn Rothwell)

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8.10 Stephanie Parsloe (scrap booking etc) (Jo Greenway)

Stephanie works for Craft-ED

She offers scrap booking demonstrations to adults or to children and family members.

There would be no charge.

A lesson would involve the bringing of a photograph. The rest of the kit and everything necessary would be provided.

Stephanie could teach up to 10 students.

Stephanie would want to sell materials.

No decision was made that action should be taken on this by MLUG.

9. Any other business

Local competition – individual responses

Russia Talk now advertised in the current Mickleover Directory

Please send me agenda items no later than Thursday April 17th. May I remind everyone that each member has as much right as anyone else to place an item on the agenda?

I've printed a list of dates of meetings.

Thursday April 24th

Thursday May 29th

Thursday June 26th (AGM)

Thursday July 31st

Thursday September 25th

Thursday October 30th

Thursday November 27th

Thursday December 18th