

1. Introduction and welcome

2. Apologies

Maggie Hird, Julie Topham, Chris Holmes.

Present

Jane Buckley, Carmel Canavan, Mick Hird, Gerald Towers, Millie Guyler, Jan Southworth, Sue Walker, Jo Greenway, Evelyn Johnson, Jenny Shaw, Maureen Carruthers, Kath Ratcliff, Richard Billing.

3. Accuracy of minutes

Sue Walker was present at the March Meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

Quad tour – May 8th, 11am. We think 10 members intend to go. We'll meet at Quad at 11am.

The Easter pack. This was made by Jo. It was very popular. Over 50 packs were taken. The activities can now be downloaded from the website.

5. Financial statement –

As before.

6. Review of constitution

The constitution was circulated prior to this meeting. The revised constitution was not circulated at the March meeting as promised at the AGM in June 2008.

The proposed review statements-

It was suggested that the following was added after 5a.2.

5a.3 *To arbitrate, if there is a polarisation of views on any key issues.*

7.1 *Delete the words **either May**.*

7.5 *The quorum for the AGM or any general meeting should be over 50%.*

8 *Add the following sentence at the end :- **Any decisions made at that special meeting have to be validated by a majority of the total membership.***

These were the suggestions made at the meeting and will be agreed/disagreed at the meeting in May so that the revised constitution should be available for the AGM in June. Thank you to Sue.

7. Ideas for activities

- ❖ A pack for collection for Father's Day. Suggestion that there should be a card with instructions etc. Jo to bring a prototype to the next meeting.
- ❖ Poetry evening. Jenny to investigate when poetry day is. Suggestion that we bring along a favourite poem to a poetry evening.

- ❖ We should put up a notice for suggestions from library users for activities they would like. This will be on the MLUG notice board.
- ❖ We should invite activity suggestions from people who come to our activities – whist, coffee morning, scrabble.

8. Main agenda

Debrief on Coffee Morning and whist - this had to be cancelled.

Gardeners Question Time – this will take place on June 3rd. It will be in the library at 7.15pm. Dorothy Bailey, Lynne Woods and Ruth Sands will be taking questions. It will cost £2.50. A box will be placed in the library so that if anyone wants to ask a question in advance they can post their question.

Antiques Roadshow – September 30th at 7pm – talk by Charles Hanson. Please note I have asked him to give us a **talk**. A better suggestion for a name for this event will be welcome.

Funds – The suggestion of a display cabinet for items from the museum was mentioned again. I will contact Fran to ask her about the costs and the procedures for this.

9. Any other business

There was a discussion about the relevance of the group's name especially when the activities of the group are considered. One suggestion was that our name should incorporate 'Friends of'. The name of the group shall be an agenda item at the May meeting.

Jenny thanked us for the flowers and card sent to her from MLUG.

The library is hosting a free event on May 13th from 2pm to 4pm. This is concerning will writing. Please come and bring a friend.

The Museum in a suitcase will be in the library on June 22nd from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The difficulty in reading notices in the display window was highlighted.