Martock and District u3a

Minutes of committee meeting held on the 1st September 2025

At the George at 10.30 am.

Present

CA Chris Atkins Chair

PB Pat Brett Secretary

AB Alison Bleasdale Web Manager

FR Felicity Renshaw Groups Secretary

AlS Alison Sutton Membership Secretary

AdS Adrian Sutton Treasurer

SS Stewart Seely Vice Chair

CT Cassandra Treasure Outreach Coordinator

MM Mary Marshall

BB Bob Bottomley

CA welcomed all the committee to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

IH

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising not on the current agenda.

Minutes agreed and signed by CA.

3 CA welcomed our incoming Chair,Bob Bottomley and returning Secretary, Mary Marshall.

1. Treasurer’s Report

AdS distributed to all the committee details of the Accounts for end of July.

Funds available £2325.26

Social Account £38.40

Total income for 2025

Main and Social £6489.80

As we are above £5000 our status will change to a Charity Account.

This to be dealt with by the new committee.

In November Lloyds Bank is changing our status to a Community Account. With Fees of £4.20 a month

But when we become a Charity there will be no Fees.

For Gift Aid on Membership Fees Group Leaders must inform AdS of any money spent.

AdS is presenting IM with the accounts, for the AGM, on Friday.

1. Membership Secretary’s Report.

AlS reported:-

2 Resignations

3 New Members

247 members.and20 Avalon

Total 267 members

1. Group Secretary’s Report

FR reported everything was going well.

There was interest in Beginners Bridge, Spanish, Ukulele, and Dancing.

The Theatre Group has reduced its numbers.This leaves the remaining committed members to enjoy the Theatre.

.DD is helping out HSB with the Sewing Group.

Book Club 2 is asking for a notice to be put in the Newsletter with a view to recruiting more members.

The Group “ Get Together” at the George was a great success.

1. Publicity and Events Secretary

AdS had nothing to report.

All Speakers booked until the end of 2026.

1. Web Manager’s Report

AB reported all was working well.

IH to take over The Web after the AGM.

AlS to help initially.

1. Organisaation of the AGM on the 8th October

AlS has organised all that is necessary for the AGM

Agenda

Nomination Forms to PB

Committee availability List.

Apologies to PB

Quorum of 27 needed.

10 There will be a Raffle after the AGM

Each member attending the AGM will get a free ticket.

This will be put in the Newsletter.

The committee agreed that £200 could be spent on Raffle Prizes.

AdS to approach:- The White Hart, The Trading Post,The Butchers and the Florists.

The committee do not take part in the Raffle.

11 Councillor G Atkins’ Message for inclusion in the Newsletter.

CA left the room whilst this was discussed.

The committee unanimously agreed not to include this in our Newsletter as it was political amd against the policy of u3a.,

PB to send a letter to G Atkins informing him of our decision.

1. Any Other Business

Cassandra Treasure was unanimously co-opted onto the committee as Outreach Co-ordinator.

The Meeting closed at 11.35am

The next meeting is on Monday the 6th October at the George at 10,30am.

 Signed Date