

REDACTED MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAGHULL & LYDIATE U3A
Held at Maghull Baptist Church on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 9.05am

Present: Jane Jones – Chair
Carol Westall – Vice Chair
Irene Edwards
Ev Craig – Minute Sec.
Lynne Chappell
Lil Boyle

Chris Dalziel – Treasurer
Joan Martin
Ken Moulton
Nigel Burrows
Neil Hawkes

1 Apologies:
No apologies

2. Background

JJ provided the background to the problem that has occurred [REDACTED] to augment what she sent out via email. There was a full discussion about the different options. NB did point out that there are several group leaders who already have their postings vetted because they aren't skilled with posting on the website. EC thought that if the situation with the [REDACTED] hadn't been noticed prior to it happening and then there had been a problem with the Charity Commission, then our lack of vetting the website would come under scrutiny. JJ stated that her discussions with local and national U3A officers promoted them to be surprised that there was no kind of vetting of the website, and stated this was unusual. CD was concerned that many Group Leaders have posted successfully for years and there has never been a problem so there will be a few Group Leaders who won't be happy. There was also concern that if posts have to be vetted, then there will be a time delay for this to happen, and postings might be urgent for example, because of a change of plan. JJ assured everyone that this would not happen as there are 4 people who could vet, and if something was urgent, then the Group Leader could text her straight away and she would respond.

Because of the time factor, JJ asked that we vote on the possible options that she had proposed. It was unanimously agreed that we do not ban [REDACTED] from posting on the website permanently and that we do not ban [REDACTED] from posting for a period of time.

By a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed that there should be a vetting system for every posting on the website.

This information will be cascaded down through the Group Leaders meeting next week and in the Group Leaders handbook.

3. Complaints Sub Committee

JJ explained that since Alan Carr resigned from the committee and his role leading the Complaints subcommittee, this had not really existed. This lack became evident with JJ's discussion with Head Office and now must be rectified. JJ asked for volunteers and the following committee members have put their names forward to be involved in this.

Ken Moulton – chair
Irene Edwards
Neil Hawkes
Lynne Chappell
Ev Craig as Minute Secretary

It is hoped that this sub committee never has to meet as it will only come together if there is any kind of dispute or complaint.

Again, information about this will be cascaded down to the Group Leaders at their meeting next week and will be included in the Group Leaders Handbook.

JJ thanked everyone for their attendance at this emergency meeting