

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON JULY 21st 1998

PRESENT: Eileen Bateman (Treasurer), Robin Lansley (Secretary) Jack Armitage (Warden) and 7 members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Graham Parkes (chairman) Joe Kollar (Vice chair) Helen Young, Alan Young.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising which would not appear as a agenda items.

FINANCIAL REPORT: the treasurer reported that in Option 6 £79,798.99 @ 6.75% paid interest of £3875.4 £800 invested since last meeting. Maximiser Bonus £9403.70 inc £136.84 Bonus & £501.55 interest. Current acc: £783.81 Total £90036.34 The treasurer was thanked for her efforts!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: In the absence of the chairman the secretary gave a report on the last Executive meeting concerned with the National Lottery. The secretary had attended a meeting in Chichester where the new lottery initiative was discussed. There was a feeling that our application for lottery money may be more successful with this particular initiative as we could more easily fit the conditions. If we were unsuccessful there was to be feedback and advice from the Lottery board to explain the failure. This was a real step forward for the lottery board. It was essential that our case was a strong one and groups had been asked to support the application with information as to the value of the association to their group. There were questions from the members and comments made concerning the need for the centre and the bid to be successful.

GROUP ISSUES Members asked about lettings during August. There were no problems regarding the M.I. Market, and other groups could use the centre as usual although some did take a summer break. The Playgroup were to hold sessions during August with Mothers & Toddlers meeting 2 a month Medscreen were also using the centre during the month.

The conditions of hire were not necessarily being met as some groups were not leaving the rooms tidy after use. Jack has to clear up. When he is on holiday this situation creates problems. It was suggested that groups should be asked to stack chairs after use although it was

recognised that many of the users are elderly.

A.O.B. Jack told the meeting he would be on holiday for 2 weeks in September.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.