

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

at Much Wenlock, on 29th September 2025

Present: Michael Theobalds, Glynn Emery, Neil Lloyd, Jean Buswell, Bill Hague, Jane Hague, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Alison Richards (chair), Linda Davies

Action

- 1 **Chairman's Introduction/Apologies.**
Apologies from David Foster, Christina Gore.
Thank you to Linda for hosting, Jane for the Minutes
- 2 **Minutes of Last Meeting**
Approved and accepted.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
AOB Michael spoke to Tony Pinches who showed interest. Alison to contact him. AR
Paul Seedhouse has not been seen. All to keep thinking about those who might be willing.
- 4 **Membership report**
Numbers have not changed. Two new members: Jean McGuire, Julia Watson.
The Yeates couple have resigned.
Glynn to check the renewals list on Beacon. GE
Membership audit 36 replies, 40 changes: fewer landlines, new/changed mobile numbers, 5 address changes, 4 email address changes, 1 name change, 1 address change, 4 typos.
Dave Rymer emails are still bouncing. Alison to contact him. AR
- 5 **Finance report**
Total income from membership is within £60 of last year at this time. We are up to date on all payments, and only the speaker costs and Priory Hall to go out, and petty cash to pay in. Expect to be £400 down overall at the end of the year which is as planned.
Glynn to ask Barclays Bank whether it is necessary for a second person to authorise all BACS payments if the second signatory views the statements on a regular basis. GE
- 6 **Groups**
Jo has sent out Audit request to all Group Leaders, is still awaiting some 13 to reply. Spanish Groups are Spanish Speaking lead by Peter Tyler, and Spanish Intermediates lead by Peter Houlder and Jane Hague.
Guitar Group : Tom Blacklock and Norman Mason are in the group but not on Beacon. Glynn to speak to them. GE
Crown Green Bowling : Laura has been approached to put an 'end of season' notice on the website.
Bridge : Linda asks that this is renamed Bridge Improvers.
- 7 **Communications**
Promotional Event It was a shame to have to cancel for the weather. Alison will ask the Town Clerk whether the Church had booked the Square for their gazebo and point out that there appeared to have been a double booking which would have interfered with our event in any case. AR
Broseley Posters
Both Dave Kelly and the Kaisers responded to the request. Alison then emailed them to clarify situations to post and roles. Neither have responded. Glynn reported that he and Wendy will do it.

	Alison to go back to DK and Kaisers to thank etc. Jane to send posters to Glynn in future.	AR, JH GE
	<u>Bookmarks</u> Grey card was approved. Alison to put 'search Much Wenlock u3a' rather than the url.	AR
	<u>Website</u> The next three talks have been posted on the website. Neil to update the info. for November to include "bring a friend for free" and to post a notice to that effect. He asks that people email him to request changes to website information.	NL
8	Priory Hall We are booked in from 2 to 4 pm. This also gives us 30 mins before and after, i.e. from 1.30 till 4.30. As we need the setting up time but are usually finished by 4, we agreed to move the time slot from 1.30 till 3.30, giving us 1 till 4 overall. Michael to communicate with Priory Hall.	MT
9	Change of Membership Year Neil has contacted the Help Desk. They indicated it was quick and easy to do this but certain considerations were needed first. The following points were agreed: Advance Renewals Period to be 1 month prior to start of next membership year. New member discount time to be 2 months prior to start of next membership year. These figures need setting on Beacon and the change of Membership Year can go ahead. NB: From December 1 st , new members must pay the new higher fees.. ie £18 etc. Also: on December 1 st , the website needs to reflect the new prices with a notice and updated Joining page, and membership form. In January, the new fees need to be emphasised in the renewal email to members. Alison will email those with standing orders separately. AGM we agreed this to be in March 2026.	NL MT AR
10	See AOB above	
11	Review of September Meeting Jess Boyden-Jukes spoke about Chinook helicopter. 49 attendees. Good informative talk. The technology worked well.	
8	Next monthly meeting on 8th October Peter West is talking about "Drinking Songs from Operas". He asks for £50 + travel expenses which at 40p per mile comes to £65. Jo to bring chequebook. PW will bring laptop and speaker, he asks for projector, leads and screen. He will be happy to wear the headset. Jean to email him and check HDMI cables, and ask if he will accept BACS transfer. Neil to introduce. David /Alison to thank. Alison to email thanks afterwards as Jean away.	JC JB NL,DF AR
15	Date of next Executive Committee meeting 27 th October 10 am at Oaklands, Harley. AOB - Alison met Peter Neale of Edge Arts Centre to discuss how the entre could enhance the life of u3a members. Some discussion followed. A Film Review Group was suggested, AR to draft and email to members. AR to ask the costs of hiring a space for a u3a event. - Facebook . When Michael welcomes new members, please include our Facebook page.	AR AR MT

Meeting closed at 11.35 am