

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

at Much Wenlock, on 10th November 2025 (postponed from 27th October)

Present: Michael Theobalds, Glynn Emery, Neil Lloyd, Bill Hague, Jane Hague, Alison Richards (chair), Christina Gore, and Elaine Nester.

Action

1 Chairman's Introduction/Apologies.

Apologies from David Foster, Jean Buswell, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Linda Davies

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

Thank you Jane for the minutes. They were approved and accepted.

3 Matters Arising

Dave Rymer- email address was removed from data base, his partner's email then functioned normally. Francis Van Mook now has a problem with email. Michael to speak to her on Wednesday.

Booking the Square- they will take more than one booking for same time slot. Be aware next time we book, consider making second booking for music groups.

Posters in Broseley – not up for the meeting on Wed. as Glynn away. Friendly bus and Victoria Hall need new generic posters.

Priory Hall booking now formally 1.30 to 3.30 giving us 1pm to 4 pm.

Bring a Friend for free this month- notice has been put on website.

The two guitar group members have now joined the u3a.

MT

4 Membership report

Now 254 members and slowly rising. 6 new since September.

5 Finance report

On budget for end of year. Membership income approximately the same as last year now.

Barclays Bank has replied to say the second signatory is not now required for BACS payments. (Unclear as to whether this is true if Jo makes the payment.) Glynn will email a copy of the statement to Jo once a month.

GE

6 Groups

The Group audit has now been completed.

Proposed Film Review Group has some 6 interested members. Alison will meet with them after the Meeting on Wednesday to get it started.

AR

Play Reading Group seems to be coming to the end at Christmas. David is leaving the Group and his expertise has been essential.

Alison will ask for any interested thespians at the November meeting, and Christina will draft an email for Jane to send out to see if there is anyone with the necessary experience to guide the Group. Otherwise it will fold.

AR
CG,JH

Melodic Ukulele Neil, possibly, has a new introductory group forming.

7 Communications and Website

Website :

The minutes of recent meetings to be uploaded.

NL

January event information about Jack Dent still to be posted. Alison will do this once received from Jean. AR, JB

Web stats show visits are down a bit. Still in order Home, Groups, U3aUkulele , Walking. Less activity on walking group as only one post this month.

Broseley Quarterly

Alison has declined the offer to advertise in it this year. A discussion followed on whether members of local WhatsApp groups could be used to encourage people to publicise u3a activities.

Bookmarks

Alison handed these out. The stiffer card was liked.

8 **Review of October Meeting**

Only about 35 attendees. Talk about “Drinking Songs from Operas” was disappointing. The speaker had rather a hesitant delivery.

9 **Next meeting on 12th November**

Max Keen as Oliver Cromwell. ‘Bring a Friend Free’ this month. Screen required so portrait seating, and he will need the store cupboard to change. £80 payment by BACS. Alison to bring amp and head mike. Glynn to bring hand mike in case it is needed. Jean to introduce and David to thank. Linda will do refreshments.

AR
GE
JB,DF
LD

10 **Change of Membership Year**

Neil has contacted the Help Desk. The next membership year will start on 1st February 2026.

New associate member fees were discussed briefly and the following proposed formally : £ 12 for an individual, and so £24 for joint associate members. This was agreed by the Committee.

On 30th November/1st December, Neil will reset the individual and joint membership fees on Beacon. He will post the new membership form on the website, and adjust the details on the joining page.

NL

NB: From December 1st, new members must pay the new higher fees but this will include the whole of the following membership year i.e. up until 31st January 2027.

11 **3rd Age Trust AGM**

Alison attended. There are 420,000 u3a members, in over 1015 u3as. Last year there was a surplus of £72,000 which was added to already significant reserves. 652 u3as use Beacon. The Annual report can be accessed from a link on our website.

15 **Date of next Executive Committee meeting**

1st December, 10 am at Oaklands, Harley.

AOB

- Bob May has offered to give an illustrated talk on photography if there is a gap in our program.
- David and Lesley Foster have offered a Wednesday afternoon or other musical event, which will be considered when the next program is being arranged.

Meeting closed at 11.20 am