

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

at Much Wenlock, on 1st December 2025

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

Action

- 1 **Chairman's Introduction/Apologies.**
Apologies from Christina Gore. Thank you to Jean for hosting.
- 2 **Minutes of Last Meeting**
Thank you Jane for the minutes. They were approved and accepted.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
Email to Frances Van Mook bounces. Private email doesn't. Michael to speak to her. MT
Peggotty Houghton-Hill gave us a new email address, which is now on Beacon, but her email bounced. Jean to speak to her. JB
Jean has some changes to members of her group to inform to Jo. JB
- 4 **Membership report**
No change to membership from last month.
- 5 **Finance report**
On budget for end of year with a possible shortfall of £350 as planned.
CLA payment- Glynn to check whether this has been paid. GE
Updates of Beacon and website have been completed regarding change of fees and membership year. New members must now pay £18 individual, £34 joint £12 associate, £24 joint associate.
- 6 **Groups**
Film Review Group. It has been difficult to get agreement on meeting. Alison to reinvigorate in the New Year. AR
Play Reading Group seems to be coming to the end at Christmas. No response has been received from email to membership.
Melodic Ukulele new beginner group is not starting due to lack of support.
Local Studies History Group Michael to enquire as to progress. The other two History Groups are going well. MT
Art History Jo received an enquiry. She will go back to them offering to help if the person wants to start a group. JC
- 7 **Communications and Website**
Website :
The minutes of recent meetings have been uploaded.
Web stats show visits are up, 300 visits to the website. The Walking Group and the two Ukulele groups are using the website actively.
- 8 **Review of November Meeting**
Over 60 attendees for Max Keen as Oliver Cromwell. Very well received as usual.
- 9 **Next meeting on 10th December**
Shrewbury Handbells are coming. There will be 10 of them needing 2 tables. It was suggested to try arranging them in an arc so that seating would go down the rest of the main hall and into the smaller part. They will arrive at 1.30pm. Jean to ask them for BACS payment details. They will bring a bucket for voluntary donations. MT
JB

Glynn to provide his hand mic for the speaker... (to pass to Laura after Saturday gig) GE
Introduction -Neil, Thanks – Alison. NL,AR
Linda to buy 50 mince pies and unwrap only as needed. LD
Glynn to investigate buying a hand held mic. GE

10 **Marketing Plan**

Elaine asked us for our ideas on the objectives for marketing the u3a to aid producing a mission statement. EN

Some discussion followed including:

- Need to attract younger members, new retirees, part time workers.
- Need to increase general awareness of the u3a
- The information as to who can attend is confused.. full time/ part time retired, etc
- Purposes of marketing should be clear.. to increase/ maintain income, keep committee and groups lively etc.
- A target number to achieve would aid focus.

N.b. if income is over (?) £5000 per year then we need to register as a charity..what does that involve?

11 **Date of next Executive Committee meeting**

5th January 10 am at Oaklands, Harley.

12 **AOB**

- Shropshire Network will celebrate their 30th anniversary next 10th June, probably for Network representatives and members of u3a committees.

Meeting closed at 11.35am