

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held 11th March 2026 in the Priory Hall Much Wenlock.

1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all to the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Much Wenlock, Broseley & District u3a. Apologies for absence had been received from Ian Cohen, Elaine Nester, Michael Theobalds and Robert Elliott.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the last AGM 12th March 2025 had been posted on the website and printed copies were available in the Hall. They were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report on Behalf of the Trustees

“Our membership total remains healthy. There are 260 plus of us now, with three-quarters of you in at least one social or interest group. We have 27 active groups and are keen to add to this number in the coming months. We will be emailing you a Letter from your Chair in the next few days, which will include up-to-date news about our activity groups. A questionnaire will also be put to members soon regarding interest in new groups.

We’ve enjoyed some fabulous talks in the last year, from music to genealogy, from history to poets - it’s been a diverse and entertaining programme. Please do keep an eye on the website for the details of future talks - we try to advertise the next three months’ speakers there. You’ll also find the draft minutes of this AGM posted on the website shortly.

This is my last year as Chair of our u3a but I will be staying on the committee along with the other 12 members of our committee. I would like to take this

opportunity to say a very Big Thank You to everyone who has contributed to the continuing success of our u3a this year including, but not limited to, our Group Leaders, the Refreshments team at our monthly meetings and our hard-working committee, particularly Jean Buswell for arranging our speakers, Glynn Emery - our Treasurer, Jane Hague - our diligent secretary, Michael Theobalds our Membership Secretary and Neil Lloyd - our eminently capable webmaster and Vice Chair who will become Chair as I step down.

Finally, thank you all for continuing to support us. We hope you're enjoying being part of Much Wenlock, Broseley & District u3a and, if you are, please tell your friends, neighbours and family - we'd love even more people to join us."

5. Financial Reports (Financial Year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025)

The Financial Statement for 2025 has been produced, audited and posted on the website and printed copies were available in the Hall. We have a healthy closing position, aided by the change to the membership year. Glynn has prepared the budget for 2026 and this is also on our website for you to peruse.

6. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts (1st January to 31st December 2026)

Heather Sower has examined the accounts for us for the past two years, for which we thank her and she has agreed to do the same in 2026.

7. Election of Officers

Nominations have been received by the due date for:

Chair:	Neil Lloyd
Vice-Chair:	Alison Richards
Secretary:	Jane Hague
Treasurer:	Glynn Emery

In the absence of other nominations, I declare Alison, Neil, Jane and Glynn elected.

8. Election of Executive Committee Members

Under our constitution there can be up to 13 members, including the officers and so there are nine committee places available. Valid nominations were received by the due date from: Jean Buswell, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Linda Davies, David Foster, Christina Gore, Bill Hague, Elaine Nester, Michael Theobalds.

In the absence of other nominations, I declare Jean, Ian, Jo, Linda, Christina, Bill, Elaine and Michael elected.

9. Any Other Business

- Lea-Anne Littler introduced herself as Senior General manager of Wheatlands. She said that the home has a coffee shop that is available to book for meetings of up to 20 people for no charge. Refreshments are available.
- Neil Lloyd thanked Alison on behalf of the Committee for all her hard work both in Committee and behind the scenes. She was presented with flowers.