

**Minutes of u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025,  
at 10.30 am in the Newbury Room Victory Hall**

**1.Present:** - Catherine Hallam(CH), Rosemary Scott(RS), Laurie Page(LP),  
Audrey Sawdon(AS), Kumi Coulthard(KC), Jenni Hamer (JH)  
Christine Matcham(CM), BobGoodson(BG), Rob Johnson(RJ),  
Sue Pearce(SP), Pauline Hill(PH), Lorraine Sexton(LS)  
CH welcomed members to the meeting.

**2.Minutes of the last Meeting**

These were agreed and signed by CH. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**3.Treasurer's Report – KC**

The Financial Statement had been emailed to the Committee prior to the meeting. Our account is changing to a Charity Account with the following charges – 50p for every cheque paid in (42p if paid via app), 75p for every £100 cash paid in. Direct payments (commonly referred to as BACS, but are strictly speaking fast pay) are free and first 100 payments out are free. Maximum number of trustees allowed for Charity Account is 12. Changes to commence from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025. KC to retain cash received whenever possible and to pay it as one BACS payment to reduce charges. It was agreed Warsash u3a would absorb the cost of 50p for cheques. It was agreed to monitor the charges incurred over a 6 monthly period. Constitution will have to be changed to limit trustee numbers to 12.

BG mentioned that a member had to pay £2.50 excess postage for the Newsletter as it had an old stamp on it. AS – did not know how this could have occurred. CH – the Newsletter is available at the monthly meetings if you don't wish to have it delivered.

**4.Membership Report – BG**

Three new members joined at the last monthly meeting bringing the total to 330.

**5. Group Leader's Report and Leaders' Meeting Follow-up - CM**

Ninety members have signed up for the Quiz Night. The first one to be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at the Silver Fern PH.

At the Group Leaders Coffee Morning the following suggestions were brought up:-

Having a white board with the Committee and Group Leaders photos on it. Ian has kindly agreed to take the photos – a date to be arranged.

A “buddy” system whereby a member is willing to be a buddy to a new member of their group.

A member of each group to be willing to write a paragraph about their group for the Newsletter.

Although a suggestion was raised at the meeting to alter the layout of the signing up sheets, it was agreed to keep the current format.

RS mentioned there was no lap top at Victory Hall. It was agreed that the lap top Sue Hart has at home for her Wellness Group should be kept at Victory Hall and SH can borrow it for her meetings.

AS has set up a Facebook page. RJ is going to set up a sheet on how to use Beacon.

## **6. Speaker's Report – JH**

The speaker at this Friday's meeting is Trevor Rutter on Billy the Kid and other Bad Eggs. Speakers for the remainder of the year have been arranged.

## **7. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ideas**

CH – this will be celebrated at the January monthly meeting. All members have been asked for their suggestions. In the meantime the following suggestions were made –

Past Chairs; the first members to join eg Pam Benson, Dianne Hammersley, the Recorder Group and Choir to perform; a Silent Disco. KC – will it be free of charge? CH – we can fund it.

## **8. Health and Safety**

There are no alterations and this will be updated every two years.

## **9. Any Other Business**

CH – the 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September is u3a week and Fareham Community Hospital have offered to promote this. Perhaps we could do something similar to the Warsash Fair. CH and BG to liaise with the person concerned at Fareham Community Hospital.

There is a u3a Friends Website.

CH – to vote for the main Chair of the u3a.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

This will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am.