

**Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday,  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10.45 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall**

**Present:-** Catherine Hallam(CH), Rosemary Scott(RS), Laurie Page(LP),  
Kumi Coulthard(KC), Jenny Hamer(JH), Bob Goodson(BG),  
Christine Matcham(CH), Audrey Sawdon(AS), Rob Johnson(RJ),  
Pauline Hill(PH), Lorraine Sexton(LS)

**Apologies:-** Sue Pearce(SP)

CH welcomed the Committee to the meeting.

**Minutes of the last Meeting**

These were agreed and signed by CH.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**Treasurer's Report – KC**

The Financial Report was emailed to all members prior to the meeting. KC stated the Report does not show a true account of our finances which can be very misleading and hopes to have separate accounts for core funds and Group funds next year. At time of meeting 50 members have made a payment for the Anniversary Tea. The sub-committee should send out a reminder email next week to those who haven't paid their £5. CH will mention it today at the meeting. CH thanked KC for all her hard work.

**Member Secretary's Report – BG**

At present we have 349 members. BG suggested a small piece of red ribbon tied to the end of the lanyard which would help recognise a new member to Warsash u3a. The Committee agreed to this suggestion.

BG said there had been a mixup over a member with the same surname. It was agreed to check the member's number at the meeting today.

**Group Leader's Report – CM**

CM - there would be no sign up sheet at the January meeting. Group Leaders to be informed to send out emails to members regarding events etc. A member is setting up a ukulele group to meet at her house if anyone is interested – there will be no sign up sheet for this group.

JH – Sarah at The Silver Fern has offered a Games Night once a month which would take place the second week after the Quiz Night.

CH- Fareham Community Hospital has offered us a space in reception area which could be useful for the ukulele group. We as a u3a cannot give a donation but the Group using it could give something.

## **Speaker's Report – JH**

The burlesque dancer, Dawn Gracie, was a great success with all members who would like to invite her back at least once or twice a year! It was agreed by the Committee not to invite the 'flower man' again.

There will be no speaker in January.

## **Updates**

Invitations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea have been sent to all members.

## **AGM Planning**

KC suggested we tout for members to join the Committee. BG wishes to stand down. PH showed an interest in taking over as Membership Secretary. This offer was immediately greeted with great approval and we are grateful that she has offered to take the role. BG will be on hand to guide and we are hoping a new Committee member will be appointed to assist PH in this very important role.

CH – each Committee member to write a few lines on their role on the Committee. Everyone please forward your role description by 12<sup>th</sup> January. We do not need a whole Committee for the AGM preparation meeting. Who is available? This will help at the meeting to be held at CH's house on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, at 1.00 pm for AGM preparation.

## **Chair Discussion Points**

The suggestion to telephone new members after a few weeks to see how they are getting on was brought up for discussion. It was agreed this had been done before without much success. CH – to set a small table at the back of the hall and manned by two Committee members to answer any questions from members who show an interest in becoming a Committee member.

Jan Myatt joined the Committee at 11.30. CH – we have had two sub-committee meetings to discuss the Anniversary Tea. There are 137 members attending. Karen has been sent an update and she would like to meet the sub-committee to discuss arrangements, eg:-

- The hire of table cloths.
- Sort out tables and table planning.
- An A3 board to be erected in the small room to show members where they are sitting.
- To pay corkage only on bottles of Prosecco used.
- LP and Ian Hamer to pour the drinks.

Bob Duckmanton has replied to say he would be delighted to attend. JH – the daughter of a member and a friend of JH who has a hygiene certificate has offered to help. CH – the singer is happy to comply with out timetable.

The meeting closed at 12.07 pm.