

Whitchurch and District u3a

Minutes of the AGM held at the Archibald Worthington Club at 10.30am on 3rd November 2025

1. Apologies for absence were received from:- Malcolm and Jill Haworth, Mark Mason, Mervyn and Rosemary Pearson, Donald Nairn, John Taylor, Sue Crooks, Charlie Owen, Elizabeth Wills, Susan Richards, David Clarke, Richard Shrimplin, Maureen Rogers, Doreen Worrall, Gordon Lorraine, Diane Teates, Catherine Slater and Alan Willis.

There were 55 attendees at the meeting.

2. Approval of the 2024 AGM Minutes:- Approved with no comments. Proposer Malcolm Sheridan seconder Linda Fowles.

3. Chair's Report of u3a activities. Margaret Lavin is standing down from her place on the Committee, however she will continue to be the Group Leader for the Amblers group and Catherine Slater is standing down from her role as the person who finds and books the Speakers. Thank you to both Margaret and Catherine for all the work they've carried out. Thank you also to Liz Playle for her Beacon support and to Maurice, Erik, Chris and James for their quizzes. A reminder was given for everyone who attends the Monday meeting to bring their own cups, if possible. It helps us to reduce costs as well as being environmentally friendly.

4. Other activity reports

Treasurer's report

The report was given by Jane Caine:- The accounts for the 2024-2025 year have been audited and approved.

Accounts are attached to the year 2024 Minutes, which everyone should have received but are available if anyone has not seen them.

John Dohoo has given me the Wine accounts for the record.

This year our u3a balance started with £3367 and the year ended with £3016, so we have a healthy balance in account.

I would like to thank Linda for collecting the money every Monday and Maurice for auditing the accounts.

Membership report

Elaine gave statistics on memberships:- There are 238 members in total, including 34 people who haven't yet renewed their membership. These people have until the end of December to pay their subscription or their membership of u3a will lapse. There have been 12 new members this year. If anyone knows anyone who will qualify as an Honorary member (aged 90 or above) please can you let them know so they can request it.

Group Coordinator's report

Jenny Wilson spoke about the learning groups. We currently have 19 groups in total. The latest group to be started is a Photography group, meeting at the Sun Inn in Welshampton, twice monthly. They are looking for members. We currently don't have a Craft group, which might be a welcome addition if anyone wants to start one to replace the previous "Bizzy Fingers" group which no longer exists. A request for annual group presentations will be made at the forthcoming Group Leader's meeting which is to be held on Monday 17th November.

5. Approval of Financial Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st August 2025

Financial Statement proposed by Mick Hobson and seconded by Dave Williams.

6. Appointment of an Examiner for the year 2025/26

Maurice has agreed continue as Auditor.

7. Election of Officers and Members to serve on the Committee for the year 2025/26

Gerry Pozzani and Mark Mason have volunteered and been approved and seconded by the Committee. No one else wished to volunteer so there were no contenders. Gerry is the u3a Webmaster and Mark Deputy Webmaster. Thank you to them for all the work they have done so far and continue to do to improve our website.

8. Any constitutional changes

No changes.

9. Proposed motions

None.

10. Any other business

Volunteers are needed to take over two roles. Firstly to take over the booking of Speakers. This could be a shared role between two people. Catherine has already booked a number of Speakers for the next year and has offered to assist whoever takes over in understanding the role. Also someone is required to take over from Margaret the organising of the Summer and Christmas parties. This mainly involves booking the entertainment as the catering and venue are organised with the Archibald Worthington club.

Lastly, a Network Representative is required to represent Whitchurch at District meetings.

Su Williams gave thanks to the Committee

The Committee would like to thank everyone who attended, also for attending the Monday meetings and the groups.

Date of the next AGM to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.