

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 16 May 2025 in Room 4, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Hilary Wade, Michael McCormick, Ruth Donally, Susan Jones, Roger Handley, Brian Loader, Ged Jones, Erline Robinson (parttime)</p> <p>Apologies Tricia Thomas, Mick Love, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak</p> <p>The committee asked Hilary to chair the meeting in Tricia's absence.</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 16 April 2025) The minutes of the April meeting were accepted.</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check The assets have not yet been moved to the council's storage facility.</p> <p>Ged has contacted the u3a national office regarding the issue of third-party insurance cover in case of injury caused by our assets and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>Brian reported that the first aid course had been held at the Victoria Hall and had gone well and he plans to run the event again later in the year. It was agreed there is currently no need for a newsletter article.</p> <p>Ged confirmed that the Victoria Hall had been booked for the afternoon of 16 December for the Christmas/25th anniversary event.</p> <p>The committee thanked Hilary for her excellent Chairmanship and stewardship of our u3a over the course of the last two years.</p> <p>The committee also thanked Julia Nicholson for her commitment to our u3a during her many years on the committee.</p> <p>3 Newsletter Erline reported that the copy received thus far meant the newsletter would be six pages shorter than the last edition but this is not an issue.</p> <p>Erline thanked Brian for asking the Group Leaders/Coordinators (GCLs) to submit copies on their groups' activities.</p> <p>4 Membership Susan had circulated membership statistics prior to the meeting. We now have 505 members, including 4 new members.</p> <p>5 Finance Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and he reported that our finances remain in a healthy state. The accounts were accepted.</p>	<p>Ged</p>

All documents have now been forwarded to the auditor for sign off.

Michael reported that the equipment for the Deputy Treasurer will not be purchased until the bank mandate comes through for Ruth.

Michael is awaiting a request for payment from Allithwaite bowling club.

Michael is still awaiting an invoice from the Dock Museum in Barrow

Michael will email all members to remind them how to pay.

Michael

6 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

Unfortunately, the croquet group has had to fold. The group had “piggy-backed” on the back of the Furness u3a croquet group but that has now folded and our group is not sustainable on its own.

The new Amblers group now has a group leader and her contact details will be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

Badminton has been paused during the summer due to the difficulty in getting enough players on a regular basis. It will recommence in September.

The ukulele group has decided to move its sessions to Holker Hall.

Brian continues to explore the resolution of the issue of the projector with the leader of the Cinema Buffs group.

7 Communications policy

Ged had circulated a draft revised communications policy prior to the meeting.

The draft was approved subject to the removal of references to the Outreach and Publicity group.

8 July general meeting

After a short discussion it was agreed that the July general meeting will be cancelled and a meeting scheduled for August instead.

Hilary will contact Morag to move the speaker from July to August and will email members to inform them of the change from July to August.

[Post meeting note: Morag has confirmed that the speaker is available for August.]

Hilary

9 Any Other Business (AOB)

Ged had received three requests to circulate information to members and it was agreed that none of these were appropriate for distribution.

10 Date of next meeting

Friday 13 June 2025, Room 4, Victoria Hall