

MINUTES
OF
COMMITTEE MEETING 02 05 26

1. Welcome & Apologies

Barrie Thompson (Co Chair), welcomed Margaret Halley, Rose Hanley, Susan Tickle, Karen Bartlett, Kevin Birch and Dorothy Gates
Apologies: Robert Cragg, Val Thomas, Jane Lawton, Marion Shannon

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes of 07 04 26 agreed and actions completed

4a) **Governance** ongoing .

4. Correspondence

Correspondence of various emails passed on to the Committee.

5. Reports

i Co-Chairs

a)Note/Action - we are still in need of a Chair, although we are lucky to have 2 Acting Chairs.

Co-Chair to kindly request members at monthly meetings that when the Speaker is on chat is limited to questions and mobiles are not used or a least turned off.

ii Secretary

Slight wobble by myself re Secretarial Role now resolved.

Quiet month.

iii Treasurer

April meeting received £668 from door payments.

Venue fee as yet unknown for QEH, CTH, or Loom. Noted invoice will be substantial as not paid since December 2025. Chased several times.

April speaker fee £0. The UK Med Speaker had £20 donated to pay for his membership this has been donated to UK Med and lady who donated money to receive a receipt.

Accounts

Membership Account as at 05/05/26 £7,455.00
General Account as at 05.05.26 £23,411,47
Social Account as at 05.05.26 £5,471.88_

£3,130-TATTTL CAPITATION, (Beacon, Siteworks , etc) paid from General Account.

There was a successful introduction of the card reader payments at the Criminology group. 51 members were in attendance.

Accounts are currently being prepared for Auditor for when he returns from his holiday 10 May 2026.

iv Membership

Membership: Total Current Members: 721 (incl 10 Honorary). 100+ members yet to renew. CD our Beacon Admin, has been very helpful with changes needed around new membership categories. Very much appreciated by JL.

New membership form on website with Terms & Conditions. Queried by SAT as she had originally composed it and it had been rewritten and now spreads over 3 pages not 2. KBi to look at this.

25 new members since start of new membership year.

New membership cards are available for all members and particularly useful for verification when/if visiting other u3a groups. Members to contact Membership Sec.

4 Associate members joined from other u3as.

10 non-renewals as 2 have sadly passed away and 8 have relocated.

At conclusion of grace period renewal reminder to go out 18 May 2026.

v Speaker Organiser

Speakers arranged for May & June with speakers notified of the new venue..

Discussed the May speaker and equipment needed.

Interim Speaker Secretary to take over.

vi Welcomers

All agreed that the new venue went really well and that through the hard work of both Welcomers and the one-way system the new venue worked well.

vii Catering

Hospitality said how lovely and helpful the staff were with the boilers and equipment. She has never seen the boiler so full.

Kitchen area can only be accessed by Hospitality staff.

Meeting for New Members on 19.5.26

viii Group Leader Co-ordinator

Meeting arranged for 22.5.26

Reading Group 2 – BD arranging set up.

Issues with Lees Library ongoing.

20% discount supposed to apply for Charities, action required.

AGM suggestion for 1 or 2 groups present their group or Committee to arrange speaker.

New venue with one or two issues being worked through.

Signage to be made more clear and AJ at The Loom is aware.

Mostly positive feedback received about The Loom.

ix Governance

Current Speaker Secretary & Committee member has decided to vacate both roles. An interim Speaker Secretary is in place.

6. Items notified to the Secretary

None

7. Any Other Business

Accident form to be made available to all Group Leaders. These need to be kept for 7 years.

Wording on u3a groups can lead to no GIFT AID ie a suggestion of TEACHING. Green

Room Cafe are looking into 10 per cent reduction for members. To look at in more depth by RH.

8. Date, Time & Venue of next meeting

10.30 am to 12.30 pm Tuesday 2 June 2026 at The Link Centre, Union Street, Oldham.

