

**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 02 06 26**

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

Val Thomas welcomed Barrie Thompson, Rose Hanley, Susan Tickle, Karen Bartlett, Jane Lawton and Dorothy Gates

Apologies: Robert Cragg, Margaret Halley and Kevin Birch

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting & Matters Arising**

Minutes of 02 05 26 agreed and actions completed

**4. Correspondence**

Motion received for AGM from Graeme Horne (GH) re Membership Fees and to be discussed. GH requested response by 17 June 2026.

Val Thomas to respond to Graeme as agreed by Committee.

**5. Reports**

**i Co-Chairs**

**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 for the speaker and mobiles are not used or at least turned off. Airplane Mode is another option.

**ii Secretary**

Letters for AGM have gone out to both email members and postal members with nomination Forms.

Annual Report has gone out in part to Valerie Kavanagh so that booklets can be printed.

To print AGM Agendas for meeting in July.

Cards done for one or two people due to illness. This was thought better coming from Group Leaders as it could become a job in itself.

**iii Treasurer**

May meeting received £460 from door payments. £20 Speaker fee.

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

**Accounts** Membership Account as at 02/06/26 £9,360.00

General Account as at 02.06.26 £23,149 31

Social Account as at 02.06.26 £5,779.84\_

Capitation £2,373.00 , (Beacon £707, Siteworks £50 , etc) paid from General Account.

Accounts submitted for Audit.

#### **iv Membership**

Membership: Total Current Members: 717, 12 Honorary and 4 Associate members . Awaiting renewals from some members.

New membership form on website with Terms & Conditions to be re-worded to try to avoid additional work due to bank details and address for Membership Secretary not obvious to New Members. .

Membership Secretary to purchase a printer as needed to ensure that she has copies for New Members. Proposed by BT.... / Seconded by VT...

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

Email reminder sent 18 May to remind those Members who haven't renewed by the deadline of 30 June to renew, or they will automatically become lapsed.

#### **v Speaker Organiser**

Speaker arranged for June and speaker notified of the new venue.

Speakers booked now up to November 2027. Awaiting confirmation re December 2026 meeting. Have left spaces for April and AGM dates so that we can use these dates for 'Meet the Group Leaders' as without them there would be no u3a.

#### **vi Monthly Meetings**

Preparations all in hand for June meeting.

#### **vii Welcomers**

All agreed that the new venue went really well and noted this was due to the hard work of both Welcomers and the one-way system.

#### **viii Catering**

May meeting chaotic as Hospitality were in the corridor and members were insistent on going near the boiler. SCALD RISK. Val to liaise with AJ.

#### **ix Group Leader Co-ordinator**

Meeting arranged on 22.5.26 which went well although there weren't a lot of Leaders present due to holidays etc.

Reading Group 2 – BD arranging set up.

Issues with Lees Library ongoing.

Val has sent an email out to GLs re showcasing their work at the AGM.

New Leaders Handbook still under Revision.

Art Study Group have asked for a laptop to showcase work. This could be used to support all groups.

Accident Form to be reviewed for use by Group Leaders.

#### **x Governance – Ongoing**

**6. Items notified to the Secretary**

MS has resigned.

7. **Any Other Business** Green Room Cafe are looking into 10% reduction for members. Rose to get date stamp and raffle tickets so Members can use them on meeting day.

8. **Date, Time & Venue of next meeting** 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Tuesday 7 July 2026 at The Link Centre, Union Street, Oldham.