

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 04 08 26

1. Welcome & Apologies

Kevin Birch welcomed Dorothy Gates, Margaret Halley, Vera Rigby, Karen Bartlett (Acting Secretary)

Apologies: James Royales

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes of 07 07 26 agreed and actions completed.

4. Correspondence

Nominations received for committee from:

Vera Rigby Committee proposed by Ruth Postle and seconded by Lauren Ross Co-opted as per National Office advice.

Janice McKeown Committee proposed by Denise Turner and seconded by Barbara Daniels.

Graeme Horne Vice Chair proposed by self and seconded by Vera Rigby

Colin Turner proposed by self and seconded by Ruth Postle.

James Royales proposed by Karen Bartlett seconded by Val Thomas Co-opted as per National Office advice.

5. Reports

i Co-Chairs

Note/Action - we are in need of a Chair. Committee saddened by the loss of the Val Thomas who has resigned from Committee. Thanks go to Val for all her hard work and time on the committee.

ii Acting Secretary

Various emails responded to and forwarded to relevant people.

iii Treasurer

July meeting received £0 (134 attendees) postponed AGM £0 Speaker fee. Venue fee for QEH, CTH £400, for Loom £450. Invoices received from January 2026 to date. £2,550.00 Paid.

Accounts Membership Account as at 03/08/26 £9,981.00

General Account as at 03.08.26 £17,782.00

Social Account as at 03.08.26 £6,310.23_

Need to have at least one more signatory Dorothy Gates Nominated.

Art Appreciation met with Treasurer on 15/7/26 to look at electronic payment system. Meeting went well. Group to look at device for taking card payments.

iv Membership

Membership: Total Current Members: 670, 13 Honorary and 5 Associate members.

Membership Secretary resigned before AGM. In need of Membership Secretary. Treasurer has been talking to Carl Blake who may be able to take this role on.

v Speaker Organiser

August Speaker has been notified of new venue and given Treasurers details. Vera Rigby has offered to take this role on as Speaker's Secretary resigned pre AGM. Cath Gannon to be notified to change email address.

vi Monthly Meetings

AGM as it was postponed last month committee are going to rearrange it for October's meeting.

Signing in sheet and AGM papers to be notified to Valerie Kavanagh

vii Welcomers

Margaret Halley has had a few more male welcomers. She has mentioned that new members should be allowed to settle in first before being assigned posts.

In the interim until a Membership Sec is appointed Welcomer's table will hold new members paperwork.

viii Catering

No feedback as such but on recent holiday members were shocked that Susan has to lug equipment to Loom in her car and into a waiting trolley and then has to transport it home again. Jill Morris has offered assistance with hospitality.

Also Marilyn Cross has offered assistance.

Treasurer will liaise with AJ at the Loom re storage for equipment.

ix Group Leader Co-ordinator

GLC resigned before postponed AGM.

x Governance –Resigned pre postponed AGM July.

6. **Items notified to the Acting Secretary none**
7. **Any Other Business** AGM October. Notify all members re serious nature of need for them to step forward for committee as u3a is at risk of closure if vacancies aren't filled. Previous member MS had taken it on herself to contact Speaker for August and has received a letter to say please stop doing this or it becomes a confusing situation.
8. **Date, Time & Venue of next meeting** 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Tuesday 1st September 2026 at The Link Centre, Union Street, Oldham.