

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

PRESENT: Richard Boyles, Jane Slack, Ruth Gunn, Chris Gunn, Brenda Boyles, Tony Loft, Di Tebbutt, Pat Stokes and Sue Perkins.

APOLOGIES: Maralyn McLennan.

Before the meeting began DT thanked the Committee for the beautiful rose bush and bouquet.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed by RB as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: DT reported that she had asked the Eden Centre about a defibrillator but they do not have one and the nearest one is located in the Newland Centre. Vanessa and Dougie are trained first aiders.

EVALUATION OF AUGUST'S (AGM) MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting went well and more people attended than expected. RB reported that 68 members had attended and there had been 2 visitors. RB asked whether the minutes of last year's AGM needed signing and this was agreed. RB to send a copy to DT to sign. Nibbles were well received and members took home anything that was left so there was no waste. A couple of members seemed disappointed that there was no quiz.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER'S MEETING: Talk is called Life on the Licence Fee(Challenges and Change at the BBC) by Alex Leger. The cost is £100 including expenses and he will bring a laptop with him but will need the u3a digital projector and screen. PS to man Front Desk, JS and SP on refreshments, RB on technical setup of speaker's equipment and train Malcolm, Les and Cyril on it. CG on Raffle and books, TL Lunch club (possibly Overstone Arms in Pytchley), DT Christmas Lunch and new members, other Committee members to fill in where required. BB to purchase biscuits for the meeting and a container.

ADVERTISING: RB confirmed that he had placed an advert in Calendar Girls programme and asked for an invoice. He has spoken to Katy Ellis about this.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: DT advised that 49 members have signed up so far. Non-refundable deposit of £5 (preferably cash) will be collected at next month's meeting and choices made. RB will set up the iZettle and Square for payments. RG said she would prefer the use of the Square for the lunch deposits as it goes to the No.2 account. RB advised that both the iZettle and the Square need resigning into after 90 days of non-use and Ruth needed to authorize it via text message.

### REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: Nothing to add.

TREASURER: Main a /c. £6114.16; no 2 a/c £339.80. RG advised that she had received a letter from Lloyds bank and there are going to charge for both cash and cheques. This means that we will encourage members to use Bank transfers for renewals etc. in October and November as this will also reduce the number of people queueing. Also ask them to put names on the reference for the bank

transfer so we can check who has paid. RB to produce a printed receipt to hand out to members who pay at the meeting. Also to send an acknowledgement email to members who pay by bank transfer. Discussion about whether Gift Aid forms have to be filled in every year. This will need to be investigated.

SECRETARY/GROUPS COORDINATOR: No report

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: No report.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY AND IT: RB reported that all dates for speakers for the next 14 months have been filled except for November 2026. He has updated the website with the new officers and Committee members.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: BB said that she will purchase biscuits for the Committee meetings and monthly meetings.

AOB: JS proposed that DT should be Vice Chairman and this was agreed. DT asked about the huge box of Minutes she has in storage and whether they needed to be kept. It was decided that those older than 6 years could be disposed of. Also asked if RB wanted her to continue filling in the Annual Return to the Charity Commission, he agreed with thanks. RB reminded DT that any changes to the membership database should be made on the shared One Drive. DT to bring membership cards to meeting and TL to bring New membership forms.

Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Jane's

Meeting closed 11:15

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