



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Maralyn McLennan.

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

MATTERS ARISING: JS reported that the idea of a Coffee Morning had been shelved for the moment.

EVALUATION OF NOVEMBER'S MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting went well and most members enjoyed the talk as it was something different. 83 members attended and there were 5 new members. Renewals went well.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER'S MEETING: Christmas party: DT reported that 84 tickets had been sold so suggested we cater for 90. Running order: Singing group, followed by Strictly Seated and then the buffet and table quiz. Audio Visual to be amended to reflect change of running order. DT suggested buying a gift for Dougie and the Eden Centre staff, this was agreed and CG to provide it. SP gave her apologies as unable to attend. Following to be purchased: Sandwiches from Sainsbury's: 9 platters of premium selection (£20), 1 vegetarian platter (£14), 1 Gluten free (£8), 4 packs of mini sausage rolls and 3 packs of cheese and onion rolls. RG and CG to collect on the day. BB to purchase crisps, cheese straws, gluten free and free from cakes and snacks. JS and PS to purchase gateaux, mince pies and Christmas cakes from Food Warehouse on the day. CG has raffle prizes sorted. There will be no book or raffle table. DT to advise Dougie of the final numbers. JS suggested that desserts be kept back in a separate area until savory have been finished, this was agreed.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: DT advised that everything was sorted and CG had all the raffle prizes.

RENEWALS: RB reported that there were 48 renewals outstanding and 133 completed. PS reported that Andrew and Sue Tempest were not renewing their membership. RB suggested that if members have not renewed by the end of the January meeting, he will remove them from the membership list.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: There will be no Lunch Club in December. He has sent the draft Newsletter to Committee members to check. Norton antivirus has been renewed for RB and DT and is in use. RG will continue to use Windows Defender. All u3a data is encrypted on Microsoft OneDrive, and all backed up regularly and stored offline. TL has been removed from the Committee and membership list. SP has suggested that Mihaela, a KGH volunteer will come to one of the u3a meetings. Maggi McGuire and Eileen Mason both have health issues and so Card Making Group is closing. Bridget Ling has suspended Heartbeat and Fake It and Bake It until she has recovered from surgery. DT to take over Canasta group. RB reported that he has joined the Chairman's Zoom meeting group and some u3as have over 1000 members and over 100 groups. It was agreed that he should approach to Ise Chairman to develop stronger ties and



open all groups to members of both u3as. He has also written to Rosie Wrighting, our local MP, and she is prepared to visit us on a Friday so has spoken to Katie who has agreed that she could come to Strictly which should give us a good publicity opportunity.

TREASURER: Main a /c. £7810.13; no 2 a/c £793.50. RG advised that TL has been removed as a signatory on the bank account. Elizabeth Woodcock has asked if we could do a collection for Macmillan but we need to check rules about giving to other charities with Third Age Trust. JS suggested that the revenue from the raffle could be donated. RB queried whether emailed receipts are acceptable or must they be the original, RG advised that either are acceptable.

CG: David Clayton thinks that Saint Andrew's Church rooms will be more acceptable for our meetings but this met with little enthusiasm but to be investigated.

SECRETARY/GROUPS COORDINATOR: No report

VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: DT reported that she had received a phone call from Mind asking about the structure and facilities of the u3a. Also advised that the cost of hiring Christ the King Church has increased by 68% so is having a meeting with the Treasurer on 12th December to try to sort things out. If not will be looking for a new venue.

AOB: TL: reported that he had spent 10 years in Kettering u3a and has thoroughly enjoyed it. RB formally thanked Tony for his hard work on the Committee and wished him luck going forward. This was echoed by the rest of the Committee.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th January 2026 at Jane's starting at 10.30

Signed

Date