



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2026

PRESENT: Richard Boyles, Pat Stokes, Di Tebbutt, Jane Slack, Chris Gunn, Brenda Boyles and Reg Carvell

APOLOGIES: Maralyn McLennan, Ruth Gunn and Sue Perkins.

Richard welcomed Reg Carvell to the Committee and asked whether he was happy to have photo and email address in the newsletter and on the website. Reg agreed.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed by RB as a true record. He confirmed that minutes needed to be kept for 6 years as we are a registered charity.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

EVALUATION OF DECEMBER'S MEETING: All agreed that it had been excellent and very successful. DT reported that 77 people had attended as several people were unable to attend due to ill health. It was agreed that the sandwiches and choice of cakes etc. had been very good and there was very little wastage. PS suggested that we might need to buy more crisps and other nibbles next time.

RB advised RC that as we are a Charity, as Committee members we are responsible for members' monies and details and both our policies and Data Protection policies are set out on the website and additional documents on the Third Age Trust web site. Richard to send details to Reg.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY'S MEETING: Speaker is Mike Burton talking about Shakespeare's Magical Avon and requires a cheque for £60 which includes £10 for expenses. Sue Perkins has arranged for a member of the KGH volunteer team to give a short talk before the meeting about their work. MM has sent her apologies as she is unable to attend.

JS and SP on refreshments, PS on front door, CG on Raffle and Books. Cyril, Les and Malcolm on audio visual. Other Committee members to fill in where necessary. RG to bring iZettle and DT membership cards for renewals and new members. RB will bring door list which will still contain names of members who are not renewed and PS to remind them. All agreed that the cut off is the end of January and then names will be deleted, apart from those who agreed to Gift Aid as HMRC require their details to be retained for six years.

DT reported that there would be no lunch club this month as no one has volunteered.

RENEWALS: RB confirmed that 136 members have renewed with 45 still outstanding. Will send a final email reminder asking members to let us know either way and include details for Bank Transfer and a link to iZettle so can click on the link to pay. CG suggested that we make final phone calls in early February. All membership forms must be kept for 7 years for Gift Aid purposes. CG has received cash from Anne Catlin and Balance transfer from Roy Smith for renewals.

DT to add PS and RC to WhatsApp group and to Charity Commission register.



REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN AND PROGRAMME SECRETARY: Programme for the year has now been completed.

As we have a reduction of our membership numbers and interest groups, RB has contacted Penny Smith, Chair of Ise Valley u3a, to propose a closer collaboration and sharing of monthly meetings and interest groups. She will put it to her committee and then report back. All agreed this was a good idea and proposed we keep separate committees and subscriptions.

Rosie Whiting, Kettering MP, is to visit Strictly Seated later in the year, which has been agreed with Katy. Hopefully this will give us a good publicity opportunity.

VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: DT has received a phone call from Avery House asking if we can offer any support or entertainment to residents.

The Annual Return to the Charity Commission is due by the end of February which she will complete.

Also reported that she had had a meeting with the treasurer of Christ the King and it was agreed that we will pay £20 an hour for the rooms which will be re-negotiated in May. RB to download the insurance document for 2026.

TREASURER: CG on behalf of RG Main a /c. £7692.13; no 2 a/c £455.84.

SECRETARY/GROUPS COORDINATOR: No report

AOB: None

Date of next meeting: 3rd February at Jane's

Meeting closed 11:10

Signed

Date