

ARNOLD u3a: Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 12th Aug 2025 at 10.00am at The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

In Attendance: Hazel Ward (Chair): Glynis Hunt: Gwen Whitehouse: Sue Matthews: Viv Purkiss:
Tina Palingedge: Cathy van Baalen: John Heeson: Barbara.Eustace; Kevin Fallon: Pete Hewitt
(minutes)

Apologies: There were no apologies

1. Minutes of Last Meeting: July minutes approved & signed.

2. Matters Arising: Kevin to produce some publicity material to be proofread by Viv and John. Gwen to put photo disclaimer into next Newsletter. Groups which could benefit to be targeted first. Publicity: Suggested putting more on screen in AMC or elsewhere in building, not to do now. Hazel suggested an A-board could be used to put outside AMC on main meeting days. Pete to speak to AMC re new cabinet. Proofreading required for Newsletter. Pete's functions could be split. Existing ERIC's to be used up first.

3. Resignation: The background to Ged Clarke's resignation was outlined by Hazel, including her response, which she had shared - only with the committee - where she asked Ged to reconsider his position. Ged declined. The committee all want Hazel to remain as our chair. All agreed to concern about the confidentiality of Ged's email. Viv has deleted ex committee members from Beacon. Sue asked about Gardening Club, Rosie Allen to be asked to take over in interim.

4. Handbook: Viv presented revised Handbook. Cathy said Pat Jackson had suggested only Committee & Groups details (ie cover) should be printed for New Members. On New Website emails/phone details not shown but to work in background.

5 Arnold u3a 15th Anniversary: Hazel reported that Anne Sutton had suggested an event to mark this. Agreed for October or November at Bonington/Liberal club, date to be arranged. Fuddle with member food donations. Entertainment to be arranged.

6 Christmas: Date is 12th December. Glynis was asked to write a letter to Sylvia Hale officially confirming the committee's agreement to finance the Drama group rehearsal room bookings and props for the pantomime, (Props not to exceed £50 per year). This proposed payment of expenses was agreed unanimously.

7 Suggestions: Hazel reported suggestion to support Parkinsons' Nurses charity as we do not have a nominated charity. Agreed unanimously that 50% of Christmas raffle & tombola to go to this charity. Glynis to check with Chris Gardner the best means to transfer money to this charity. Agreed to propose up to 4 charities at AGM to choose designated charity for the following year.

8. Other suggestions: Asked us how we can avoid cliques - Reserved seats for new members could be extended to lone attendees. John to prepare laminated reserved signs.

9 Any Other Business: Pete reported issue with mobility aids (strollers) at the main meeting. All agreed should sit at end of row & move chair in front, if members happy to do so. Will also investigate if drinks could be delivered to them.

Viv reported on ALAF & will check minutes & report back if items relate to us.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th Sep at 10.00am.

Hazel Ward