

Minutes of Arnold u3a Committee Meeting 20th May 2025: 10.00 Salvation Army, Arnold

Present: Viv Purkiss (Chair), Gwen Whitehouse, Glynis Hunt, Tina Palinedge, Sue Matthews, Ged Clarke

Apologies: Hazel Ward, Cathy van Baalen, Pete Hewitt, John Heeson

1. Minutes of the last Committee meeting - Accepted as a true record

Matters Arising - No further progress, yet. in finding alternative payment methods.

-Awaiting response from AMC about using their WiFi

-Confirmed that Barb Eustace will be Assistant Treasurer from July.

-Ged has started the Gardening Club but is having difficulty booking rooms in the library.

-Paula Marinoz explained the suggestions box at main meeting and received applause.

-Viv confirmed she will collect spare newsletters to go to new member meetings. **Action VP**

-Gwen asked about a new supply of ERICs, suggested speak to Gary Swain. **Action GW**

-25/26 Handbook: Soft copy to John for website and to Gwen. Ten copies of the handbook to be printed by Gwen and passed to Cathy for new members without electronic capability. **Action VP**

2. Newsletter editor - Gwen willing to stay on as newsletter editor but would like to work with another person with a view to them taking over completely from 2026.

3. Speaker seeker/speakers - Speakers had been booked until October and Gwen offered to book a further 3 until February 2026. Agreed Geoff Hawksworth, local writer, no charge, for November and Stanza singers for December with £100 charge, or Salvation Army singers, and for February 2026 Nicki Moore giving a talk on iron & coal mining in Bestwood a Possibly put a speaker application form on the website.

4. Meeters & Greeters: Helen unavailable. Gwen to discuss with Helen. **Action GW**

5. Any other business – a) Discussion about Arnold u3a Grievance Procedure.

b) Should Arnold u3a should circulate publicity from other organisations: Those which are seeking sales are definitely ruled out. Other organisations, such as non-profit organisations seeking further members could be asked to provide a spot or a poster at our big meeting. It is not permitted for any of our members to use members' e-mail addresses to publicise other organisations. Ged said that he received many communications from Notts Network to pass on to our members and the appropriateness was discussed.

c) Notts Network is running workshops for potential group leaders, which was discussed.

d) Discussion about using personal credit cards for u3a group activities.

Meeting closed at 11.25.

*Hazel Ward
11-06-2025*