

ARNOLD u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 13th Jan 2026

at 10.00am at

The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

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

Apologies ∴ John Heeson

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Dec mins approved. Hard copy to be signed.
 - a. **Matters Arising: GW** some negative comments re **Christmas Party** raffle. May be best to have tombola or hampers. Agenda item for Feb. Applause for **SM** re **Jan Meeting** coping with all changes of running order. Westminster visit to be played at the Feb meeting. **HW** asked if we'd like to invite Heather Roberts to join our committee. It was unanimously agreed we should do that - immediately. **HW** to contact **HR** who will also be invited to complete the nomination form to be formally elected at the AGM.
2. **Treasurer: GH** reported that accounts delivered to Auditor on Dec 18th. Speaker paperwork required for payment/donations. Some members still pay with coins & **GH** cannot bank them. **Chris Gardener** has been brilliant & agreed additional present at AGM. Christmas Party income £930 – Expenditure £903.23. Raffle income £260. £130 to be donated to Parkinson charity. Agenda item for middle of the year **GH/BE** to try rationalise Interest Groups financial practice.
4. **Newsletter : VP** reported that newsletter items no more than 350 words & 1 photo.
- 5 **Suggestion Box : HW** reported that possible switch order of Main Meeting has been requested. After discussion agreed 6 mth trial from April. It will mean no WALK-OUTS during talk as speaker will be first, after ½ hour of sign-ups

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6 **AGM**: **HW** reported that Speaker would be Dame Pauline Green. Agenda to be changed for Nominated Charity to be included. Counters to be agreed for quorum and voting.

7 **Group Leader Support**: **HW** reported that after incidents reported which upset a group leader, **VP**, **GW** and **SM** to discuss. **VP** and **SM** will now follow our Arnold u3a process to deal with these incidents.

8 **Any Other Business**: **PH** raised issue that officers should be Business Secretary not Membership Secretary. **PH** gave apols for Feb meeting. **TP** suggested time limit for Powerpoint Presentations for next year's Jan meeting especially Spanish Holiday and Photography. **HW** raised choosing our charity to support for the year following the AGM. Action **HW** to message members.

Meeting closed at 11.25 am.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10^h Feb 2026 at 10.00am.

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