

ARNOLD u3a
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 12 May 2026 10.00am at
The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

PRESENT

Hazel Ward
Viv Purkiss
Gwen Whitehouse
Barbara Eustace
Sue Matthews
Heather Roberts.
John Heeson

Chair
Vice Chair
Business Secretary/Minutes
Assistant Treasurer
Groups Coordinator
Speaker Finder
Website Manager

APOLOGIES
Kevin Fallon
Cathy van Baalen
Glynis Hunt
Tina Palingedge

1. April Minutes agreed and signed by Chair.

2. No Matters Arising.

3. Publicity

The Short Lawn Bowls Leaflets are also being distributed by the Bowls Club.

John has generated a QR code which takes people to landing page on new Website

The printer is to be asked to do 100 of the standardised publicity posters and there will be one which can be used by individual groups. This will go on the document section of the new website as a PDF.

4. Drama Group

Barbara has spoken with Sylvia Hale re financing of Drama productions and also explained that whilst Drama still functions as a Group it is not included on the Groups Spreadsheet as far as financial matters are concerned.

5. Website

John informed the Committee that the new Website is now live and all information from the old Website is on the new. It was agreed it is now time to get rid of the old Website.

6. Arnold Summer Fair

Viv is putting together a Rota to man the stall at the Fair and will send out a general notice to members asking for volunteers.

Agreed Resources for the Summer Fair does need looking at i.e. A Frame, Banner

Hazel, Viv and Heather to go ahead and purchase with approval from Glynis.

7. Annual Return

Discussion at length re Annual Return and what exactly is required. Confirmation to be obtained and Gwen to report back to Committee in July,

8. Location of Log Book

Tina suggested a new location should be found for Visitors, New Members and those not carrying their membership cards to sign in on main meeting days. At present where it is placed causes a bottle neck in the foyer. Gwen will have a word with Helen Catchpole for her thoughts on this.

9. Any Other Business

Short Discussion on the new format of the Monthly Meeting and Hazel read out the longest of the three items placed in the Suggestion Box which was mainly negative feedback. It was agreed that we should run with it for the six month trial period before making a decision after seeking a majority decision from our Members.

Heather advised that Speakers have been confirmed up until September.

Hazel Ward

Barbara is beginning to remove Groups no longer running e.g. Birdwatching from the Groups Financial Spreadsheet. Any funds held against those Groups will be transferred into the ~~General Account~~ *Development fund.*

It was agreed that any assets will be dealt with at a future Committee Meeting when Glynis is present.

The Meeting closed at 11.40am

Next Meeting Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 9.30am