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ARNOLD u3a

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 11 August 2026 10.00am at
The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold**

PRESENT

Hazel Ward
Gwen Whitehouse
Barbara Eustace
Sue Matthews
Glynis Hunt
Tina Palingedge

Chair
Business Secretary/Minutes
Assistant Treasurer
Groups Coordinator
Treasurer
Health and Safety

APOLOGIES

Cathy van Baalen
Viv Purkiss
Heather Roberts

1. **July 2026 Minutes** Point 4 Display Board not the flag will go outside the Church
Point 10 Hazel has an interview in 2 weeks time
Hazel confirmed her Surname is Ward not Shortward

2. Matters Arising

3. Address of Arnold u3a

Gwen will confirm that Arnold u3a address is changed from Arnold Methodist Church to avoid mail not passed on us as was the case with the u3a Matters Magazine Invoice.

4. Treasurer

Glynis advised that she is still having problems with the Bank accepting the details of all Committee Members.

5. Assets Register

Glynis is still trying to locate this. It should include anything purchased in last six years.

6. Scottish Dancing

This new Group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Church and will need to give Glynis a list of dates so she can agree Invoice from the Church.

Sylvia Hale and Rosie Allen are leading the Group and have asked if there is any money available for the startup of a new Group. They will be advised that if any equipment is required then they should purchase it and seek reimbursement.

7. September and October Committee Meetings

The September Meeting will move to 15 September and Viv will chair the meeting.

The East Midlands Regional Workshop will take the place of the October Committee Meeting. Five members of the Committee plan to attend.

Gwen to confirm dates with Major Janice at the SA.

8. Meeting Format

September General Meeting will be the sixth of the trial new meeting format. Hazel will work with John to set up an email to be used for members votes. Voting slips will be available at the September meeting for those members without email. Voting by phone also an option. Hazel will send out an email to everyone setting out the 4 options – Old Format, New Format, an alternative new format and no particular preference.

Hazel will explain at the main meeting how the voting will work before sending out the email. Anyone with any comments or suggestions will be asked to complete a suggestion slip and place in the suggestions box.

9. Newsletter Printing

The Pro Print quote was a bit more expensive. The dates for the lead time were emailed but not read and that's why no newsletters were printed. The plan is to use them again on the understanding that there will be 20 pages instead of 12 and it will be done at their expense as the deadline was missed last time. We will only use Pro Print at School Holiday time.

10. Any Other Business

John advised that Beacon is set up now to receive Paypal Payments, however, Glynis said BACS payments preferable to Paypal.

The position re fazing out of cheques was raised and it was agreed we can only encourage payment by BACS/Machines as opposed to cheques as some Group Leaders do not want to use Machines. The sum up machine where possible to be used to collect money for some activities. Glynis and Barbara to take the sum up machines to groups they attend.

11. Hazel is still happy to exchange coins for notes.

12. Trip to Parliament

Cynthia is looking into arranging a trip to Parliament and has obtained quotes from Vallances Coaches. Options being looked at – Day Trip or 2 day with an overnight stay and including a visit to Hampton Court. More details will be announced by her at the main meeting. Hazel suggested that using the train could also be a possibility.

Meeting Closed at 11.45

Date of Next Meeting - 15 September