

Burton Joyce & District U3A_

Committee Meeting Minutes 06/01/2026.

1. **Present:** Michael D, Elaine B, Chris S, Anna M, Jacky K, Gemma G, Colin B, Gwen. Apologies: Dave H, Alan C, Graham W.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** accepted.
3. **Matters Arising from Minutes & item 11:** AC has altered the wording on the website regarding how to join groups.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** JK reported that funds are good - £12,000+. Payment has been made to Giles Martin which was very well received.
5. **Groups Report:** AM reported that there are 56 active groups. Beer and Cider is now being led by Colin B and Vic Wightman due to Rob Johnson's illness; Craft moving to Small Hall; Board Games can incorporate new members and games on another table(s); Mahjong now meeting in Wheatsheaf, Friday Fit now has good attendance; International Dining has growing membership and very enjoyable; Pool Groups 1 & 2 well attended and enjoyable; Mindful Movement Taster session was well attended. Ramblers 1 group has low uptake and being monitored. A new Creative Writing group being discussed.
6. **Membership:** GG reported that there are at present 403 members, 22 of which have not paid their fees. Individual names discussed and committee members to contact with a reminder.
7. **Beacon :** No issues reported with system. Beacon proposed enhancement to Gift Aid has been postponed but does not affect us anyway. Judith W and Sandra B (minute takers) to be added to Committee group to make emailing easier. **AM**
8. **Speaker Finder:** see item 12
9. **Social Secretary Report:** Decision made to increase reimbursement to Elaine B for cakes.
10. **Outings:** Trips to Lincoln and Ten Pin Bowling planned. There is a good response for trips. It was clarified that attendees on trips and outings must be U3A members due to insurance issues.
11. See item 3
12. **Succession Planning:** As Graham W has resigned from position as Business Secretary, other members of committee have taken on parts of the role. **Gemma G** volunteered to be Business Secretary and disseminate information from U3A to individuals as required.
13. **Role of Publicity Officer:** Discussion surrounding future role and place of publicity. Facebook? AM will have to stand down from committee due to 9 year rule. Changes to the constitution to be investigated to ease restrictions that it imposes on position filling. **MD**
14. **Display Boards:** Storage required. **All** to consider possibilities.

15. **Christmas Debrief:** Well attended and enjoyed. **All** to consider what to be included next Christmas. **JK** to provide prizes for quiz.

16. **Radio Mic :** Unanimous decision to buy new mics, receiver, cables and mic stands. **MD** to purchase before next monthly meeting. Agreed that new system should not be lent out for use by other groups. Approximate cost £500 total for Sennheiser dual mic system.

17. **Workshops/ Talks:** Funds to be used to enrich membership through workshop or talks. **AM** discussed list from Southwell U3A who provided talks using skills and knowledge of members. Possible way forward? First Aid to be first choice and priority. **AM** to ask Judith W who she had previously used as a provider.

18. **Quiz :** Village Hall and Rupert booked for Friday 5th June. £5 fee. **JK** to liaise with Rupert.

19. **October Event:** Decision made for **JK** to book hall for 9th October. Various performers discussed. **Gwen** to contact Stephen - Karaoke and Disco, **AM** to contact Brace, **JK** had already made initial contact with Freddie Vokes. Decision to be made at next meeting.

20. **Frequency of meetings:** Meetings to remain flexible and vary in timing due to pressures at different times of year.

21. **A.O.B:** MD had investigated alternative location for committee meeting and not found anything suitable. AC had cleared out cupboards. Agreed that excess items found to either be taken to charity shop or disposed off.

22. **Next Meeting :** Friday 13th February.