u3a Bearsden & Milngavie **Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday 14th April 2026

Venue: Milngavie Community Centre

Attendees: Jim Thomson (Chair), Linda Tindall, David Gow, Trish Kerr, Paticia Campbell, David Bland, Clem Clement

Apologies: Jac Koumides, Maureen Smith, John Davies

In Attendance: David Murray Smith, Rose Barr, Ian Mitchell

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2 Minutes of meeting held on 10th March 2026 and matters arising • The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2026, as tabled, were accepted as correct. • Jim advised that there was a need for a Health & Safety Policy. It was suggested that we should decide whether to use the u3a template or design one to more closely represent what is practical for us to do. This could be discussed at a committee workshop, if that was considered worthwhile. In the meantime, Jim will contact Richard to see how far he progressed with this issue and would send out a suggested policy prior to the next meeting • Rose Barr will join today's meeting to observe how the committee operates and Ian Mittchell will join the meeting to share his experiences of setting up a SCIO • We agreed to continue with Microsoft instead of Google. The IT group will be consulted to see if they are willing to support the committee with IT issues. David and Jim will report to the next committee meeting with a proposal on the way forward.	Jim Jim David/Jim
3. Reports **Chair -** The report submitted prior to the meeting was noted. Peter Wolfson who has offered to trial filming one of our meetings in April has been in touch to say that the trial will have to be postponed. He will be in touch with a suitable date. **Treasurer** – David G reported that there was nothing to add to the report submitted prior to the meeting. The funds were looking healthy. A discussion was held regarding the necessity of acquiring modern, user-friendly IT equipment. It was agreed to contact Peter James to see what equipment is required and then consider the best place to store this equipment. **Membership Secretary** – The report submitted prior to the meeting was noted. **Group-Coordinator** – The Whist group was successfully launched this week. Several new groups are active, while others require support. Rose was asked to consider how 'Exercise to Music' could be taken forward.	Jim Rose

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Events co-ordinator – The 'Save a Life for Scotland' and 'Strength Training' talks were very successful and Eventbrite proved to be a good way of recording the number of people who wished to attend both events. The wine tasting at the Gantry was deemed too expensive and will therefore not be taken forward. **Webmaster** – David B had nothing to add to his previously circulated report.	
4. Merits or otherwise of Charitable Status Ian Mitchell shared his experience of applying for SCIO status. If agreement was reached to go down this route he recommended putting a small group together with one person taking the lead. Completing an application requires extensive research and effort. If after hearing Ian's presentation the committee **decided** that a change in our charitable status was desirable, the first step would be to arrange a workshop to discuss the pros and cons and whether this approach would be appropriate for our organisation.	Next Committee
5. Convenors meeting The ski club has been booked on 28th May 2026 for the convenors meeting. This year's meeting will follow last year's format, and convenors will be provided with an opportunity to suggest specific topics for discussion. Catering will be provided by Café Crème. It was agreed that the format of the last Workshop had worked well and would be repeated with new topics for the group sessions. Suggested topics would be welcome.	All
6. Succession Planning With several committee members completing their terms, the group discussed committee positions for 2025/2026. The need at this stage was to check that we have members "willing and able" to take on key positions. Linda Tindall confirmed that she'd be prepared to take on the role of Chair. Jim Thomson confirmed that he'd take on the Treasurer role and Patricia Campbell was happy to become Membership Secretary. Trish Kerr, Clem Clement, Jac Koumides, David Bland confirmed they would be willing and able to continue in their current roles (Jac was asked immediately after the meeting. David B. also confirmed he would be happy to be out IT Administrator). David Murrary Smith indicated he would be happy to join the committee with a remit for Communication/Publicity, including supporting Jac on the Newsletter. Pamela Davidson (not present) had confirmed her willingness to join the committee as Beacon Administrator. This leaves us with needing to find someone willing to act as Secretary. Jim had approached Palo Stickland, who will attend the next committee meeting to see if she would consider filling the secretary position	

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It was agreed that it would be desirable to have two Vice Chairs, an Events Coordinator and a Groups coordinator. It was recognised that these roles could be filled as the year progressed.	
7. Consideration on a proposal for a creative writing and mindfulness course Linda has been approached to see whether B&M u3a would be interested in being involved in a process for a creative writing and mindfulness course for people aged 60+. Autum Voices in Scotland will fund the project and may involve all 3 Glasgow u3a's. The programme will run for 10 weeks, featuring organised events and a pamphlet highlighting achievements and progress will be produced at the end of the programme. After discussion it was agreed that it would be beneficial to become involved in this initiative, by publicising in the Newsletter and at a Monthly Meeting..	
8. AOB There was nothing to report under AOB	

NEXT MEETING: 12th May 2026, 10.00am, Milngavie Community Centre