

u3a Bearsden & Milngavie

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday 10th March 2026

Venue: Milngavie Community Centre

Attendees: Maureen Smith (Chair), Linda Tindall, David Gow, John Davies, Trish Kerr, Patricia Campbell, David Bland

Apologies: Jac Koumides, Clem Clement, Jim Thomson

In Attendance: David Murray Smith

Agenda Item	Action
2 Minutes of meeting held on 10th February 2026 and matters arising • The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2026 were accepted as correct. • David, Peter James and Richard Petty volunteered to observe how to film meetings. Maureen hasn't heard from the Helensburgh member who agreed to demonstrate this process. At this stage no further progress can be made. • No further comment regarding risk assessments has been received from the convenors. It was therefore considered that they did not require additional information and were satisfied with the information with links previously circulated by Jim • John agreed to contact members who commented on issues relating to the hearing loop in the survey	John
3. Reports Chair • Rose Barr expressed an interest in joining the committee and will attend the next committee meeting with a view to joining the committee in the future • Maureen advised that the Greater Glasgow Network meeting agreed to hold a joint event in June. The GWR has been provisionally booked for Thursday 18th June. It will be a BBQ but if the weather forecast looks like rain an Italian night will be held instead. Numbers will be restricted to 150 Treasurer – David G reported that there was nothing to add to the report he submitted prior to the meeting. The funds were looking healthy, and the extra money left over from events will be transferred to general funds Membership Secretary – John advised that renewals were going well. Eventbrite has been tested and will be used this month. We can only use this option for free events. There are other models that could be used if we needed to collect money, but they may be difficult to set up	

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Group-Coordinator – An article about possible new groups will appear in the upcoming newsletter. A few groups have started, and others are in the process of starting. Events co-ordinator – The ‘Save a Life for Scotland’ talk will take place on 24th March. The event will be limited to 60 people. Interested people will be asked to register via Eventbrite. Ryan Rennie will provide a talk on strength training on 7th April. Linda will e mail volunteers to ask for help in making tea, coffee etc for these events. Webmaster – David B had nothing to add to his previously circulated report.	
4. Merits or otherwise of Charitable Status After discussion it was agreed not to consider applying for Charitable Status. However, we may wish to explore SCIO. John advised that another u3a group was having problems with SCIO. He agreed to contact Liz Ervine to find if anyone else was considering applying for SCIO status. He also agreed to ask Ian Mitchell who has experience in this area to come along to a future committee meeting to talk about the pros and cons of adopting this approach.	
5. Microsoft/Google? After discussion the following points were made: • Google does not require an administrator. It will enable us to save and use files. It would entail a lot of work to change to google and we may run into trouble if we don’t have an IT administrator • It may be easier to stay with Microsoft. • Maureen agreed to speak to David M and ask him if he thought Isobel might be interested in taking on the role of IT administrator as a first step. She would also speak to Pamela Davidson to see if she would be interested in taking on the role of Beacon administrator	
6. New Groups and convenors meeting Possible dates to hold the convenors meeting was agreed as either the 14th or 21st May. Linda agreed to explore possible venues and catering costs for tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches for this meeting. She will report back at the next meeting	
7. AOB There was nothing to report under AOB	

NEXT MEETING: 14th April 2026, 10.00am, Milngavie Community Centre