U3a Bearsden & Milngavie Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday 8th September 2026

Venue: Milngavie Community Centre

Attendees: Linda Tindall (Chair), Jim Thomson, David Gow, Patricia Campbell, David Bland, Dorothy Woodger, David Murray-Smith.

Apologies: Clem Clement, Palo Strickland, Trish Kerr

Agenda item	Actions
2. Minutes of meeting held on 9th June 2026 and matters arising. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2026 were accepted as correct. **Matters arising:** a) (Item 4) There are still spaces available for the tutorial on creative writing. b) (Item 5) Under "Feedback from Convenor's Workshop", it was suggested that items arising from workshops should be considered further by the Committee, thus allowing convenors to be more involved in policy making. At present good ideas from groups do not always move forward. This was accepted and it was agreed that a Convenors' Workshop should take place once every two years.	The Newsletter should include information about the tutorial. A Convenors' Workshop should take place during session 2027-2028. Selected items arising from workshops should be taken forward for discussion by the u3a B&M Committee.
3. Reports **Chair –** The report from the new Chair stressed the importance of establishing what skills exist within the membership. This could be an item for the next issue of the Newsletter, and its importance could be further stressed in the statements from the New Chair and Deputy Chair. **Treasurer –** It was reported that membership is currently about 985, with 60 new members applying since June. **Membership Secretary:** Patricia C. reported that she was concerned to find that some people complete the membership application form but do not complete the payment process. Also, some pay but fail to submit the form with their details. Procedures are being reviewed. In addition, some people attempt to join groups without	The Newsletter should be used to encourage members to provide skills information. This should also be on the application form for new members. The issue of non-members attempting to join groups should be addressed by group convenors making checks through the BEACON system.

being members, members of u3a groups were not members of u3a. The online AGM procedure had been successful with 253 responses (25.7% of membership). **Groups Coordinator:** Several new groups had been established including table tennis, Tai Chi and a holiday group.	This should be a Newsletter item.
4. AGM update The online process had been successful with 253 responses (25.7% of membership).	Online AGM procedures should continue
5. Prioritising the list of actions from the June workshop Jim T. reported that there had been no significant developments over the summer months.	
6. Committee roles 2026-27 It was agreed that Jim Thomson should be Vice-Chair. It was agreed that David Bland should be co-opted to the Committee as Web-master. The situation regarding the position of Treasurer was discussed. David Gow had been Treasure for about 7 years and continues in the role. However, a successor needs to be found. Jim Thomson indicated that he would consider taking over. Responsibility for audiovisual and IT support was discussed at length. David Martin did not wish to continue in this important role and it is vital to find a successor. It was suggested that Peter James or Jeremy Andrews would be appropriate but it is vital that a suitable handover plan be established with backup support.	Peter James and Jeremy Andrews should be approached, along with David Martin for discussion of the issues involved.
7. AOCB a) M&B u3a had been approached by Ability Net (abilitynet.org.uk) regarding funding to help with IT training. It was agreed that Ability Net could be offered a 5-minute slot ahead of the October meeting and encouraged to provide information for inclusion in the Newsletter. b) There had been enquiries about the possibility of raising money for specific charities through u3a. It was agreed that this was not possible but	Jim T. to liaise with Ability Net. Linda T. to liaise with charities when approached.

charities enquiring could be allowed to provide leaflets for members to pick up at u3a meetings. c) New committee members were asked for photographs and brief details of themselves. This was agreed and David B. will bring camera to the next committee meeting to take photographs of new committee members. d) It was proposed that the committee should have occasional social meetings for tea/coffee in order to get to know each other better. This was agreed. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2026 10am.** **Milngavie Community Centre G62 8PN**	Photographs and brief details of new Committee members to be provided. Arrangements to be made at a future committee meeting for a tea/coffee get-together.