



Committee Meeting 23rd March 2026
held at
Frasier Rooms Surfleet PE11 4DA

Present

- Bruce Alexander - Chair
- Mel Gordon – Vice Chair
- Barbara Charity - Treasurer
- Lorraine Lenton – Secretary
- Janet Eastgate – Social Events rep
- David Pilgrim – Social Events Rep
- Linda Simpson – Signing in
- Margaret Smith – (Cards)
- Margaret Staite – Speaker Finder
- Felicity Chapple - Refreshments

In attendance

- Wendy McCallum – Co-opted Advisor

Apologies

- Gill Allen – Group Coordinator
- Dawn Kent

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies Noted	
2	Minutes of Committee Meeting 2nd January 2026 • Agreed and signed	
3	Matters Arising not on the agenda • None	
4	Chairs Report • Enquiry regarding a new group for croquet but enquirer is not a u3a member. Following a discussion, it was agreed that this would be offered as social event and it may encourage a member to set up a group using the venue. Details passed to Janet • Peterborough have offered tickets for a Gilbert and Sullivan performance in Stamford. This will be offered as a social event. Details passed to Janet • Request to start a 2nd friendship group agreed • SLNG Meeting ○ some members struggling to recruit new members. ○ Issues regarding policies. Area Committee wanting to produce policies to be used by all u3a's in the group. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the policies we	JE JE

	have in place a fit for our u3a so we would not need to engage with this. • Our insurance certificate to be made available • Contribution to the cost of the venue used in Bourne to be sent to Bourne u3a.	BC
5	Treasurers Report • 9K surplus at year end • Need to review the refreshment budget. Felicity requested the Christmas refreshments be budgeted separately. This was agreed • Linda Requested consideration to be given to cost of venues for the new members meetings. Following a discussion this was agreed at £120. • Draft 2026/27 budget will be available for the next meeting	
6	Membership Report • 30 New members • 2 meetings held	
7	Beacon • Wayne Morris to be contacted again regarding taking on administrator role. • Discussion held regarding members being able to access their own details to amend as necessary. Barbara checked to see if this was possible but not available to us at the present time.	BC
8	Groups Report • Groups information has been updated by Dawn • Members of Sutton Bridge u3a wanted to join the Tai chi group but not prepared to pay full membership. • Sue and Wayne Morris have stepped down as leader of the wine and cheese group. So far no one has offered to take on the role • All group leaders to be contacted to check capacity for new members • A list of venues has been sent to group leaders. This will need to be checked annually. • Yvonne Say is interested in taking over the Group co-ordinators role. Gill and Wendy will bring her up to date with the role. Note - YS could be co-opted on to the Board with a view to being a Trustee following the October AGM	GA
9	Speaker Finder Report • Mixed feedback on February Meeting – following a discussion on extending the time for speakers it was agreed the current format of the meeting should remain. • Cost of 2 possible speakers discussed – The travel expenses for 1st would be for 140 miles return journey plus fee so too expensive. The cost of 2nd plus expenses for realistic – Maggie to explore further • April – Lincolnshire Police Computer Scammers • Singing Group to be invited to a meeting next year.	MS

10	Social Events Report - Places for 6 months events have been reserved; fliers have been sent out and some places booked. As they are arranged with an external provider non members can also attend so members can invite A. N. Other non-member. David explained that the places are reserved and any places not sold will be returned to the provider so no cost to spalding u3a. - June – We'll Meet Again – Freiston Shore - July – Petagna in Bourne	
11	April Meeting No issues	
12	AOB - Mel reported Phillip Rogers has agreed to take over the Newsletter. - Mel has provisionally booked the Conservative Club for the May meeting but will check regarding possible local elections before confirming. - Badges for Committee members to be investigated	MG BA
16	Date of Next Meeting 2pm on 18th May at Frasier Room Surfleet.	

signed _____ Date _____

Bruce Alexander