

## **LOSTWITHIEL AREA u3a**

### **Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> AGM**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 2pm in the Church Rooms Lostwithiel**

**Attendees:** 35 members present

2 non-members present

**Apologies:** Judy Dixon, Irene Eliot, Duncan Elliott, Anne Fenwick, Malcolm Heaven, Marian May, David Stevens.

#### **Opening remarks**

As our u3a has been without an individual Chair since the previous AGM (May 2025), there would not be the usual opening remarks from the Chair. Committee Members Francoise Currie (FC) and David Platt (DP) would be leading the meeting to cover agenda items and progress the business of the meeting.

FC, as a relatively new member of our u3a, spoke about *“What being a u3a member means to me”*.

#### **Adoption of Minutes from 12th AGM (May 2025)**

Minutes were agreed and adopted.

#### **Financial Report – presentation of Accounts for 2025 – 2026**

Treasurer Lalita Madhvani (LM), provided Financial Report headlines:

- Balance Sheet total of £12,893.39 as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, against £11,399.14 last year – an increase of £1,494.25.
- Balance made up of £5,456.42 in Current a/c; £5,050.63 in Deposit a/c; £1,988.14 PayPal; £267.13 Interest Group Cash a/c; £131.07 petty cash.
- Notable items paid in - an anonymous donation of £299.99.
- The improvement to the Gift Aid feature on Beacon is currently in testing. Hopefully by the end of July, we should be able to apply for the last two years' Gift Aid income if we have all the new information required by HMRC.
- In summary, the Statement of Accounts reflects surplus income, and the committee remains open to using some of these funds to support projects/expenditure to the benefit of the whole membership of our u3a.

There were no questions for the Treasurer.

On behalf of the committee, FC asked for agreement for a further £1,000 increase towards future IT replacement. Those present were asked if they were happy to accept the 2025/26 Accounts presented, which was agreed unanimously, including the additional £1k increase for IT replacement (new total £4,000).

### **Approval for the appointment of an Examiner for the Accounts for 2026/27**

The appointment of Daniel Chapman as Examiner for the Accounts for a further year was proposed and seconded and was approved/agreed by all.

The new Chair will pick up the action to formally thank Daniel on behalf of our u3a.

### **Election of Officers/Committee Members**

DP thanked FC for sharing her thoughts and experience of u3a membership. He also expressed thanks to all committee members for their collective help and support in the last year, sharing duties normally carried out by the Chair e.g. running committee meetings and leading Open Meetings.

DP noted that under our u3a constitution, all committee members stand down at the AGM. He expressed special thanks to the four people standing down and not seeking re-election - Liz Hemsley (Secretary), Lalita Madhvani (Treasurer), Steph Thomas (Membership Secretary), and Annie Singer (former Groups Coordinator and Vice Chair). Those present were invited to express their thanks with applause for the four people leaving the committee.

FC confirmed that we have 10 nominations for our new committee, all proposed and seconded by members of our u3a. Unfortunately, there has been no nomination for the Publicity Officer role, and additional help with Publicity – principally preparing our regular newsletter – would be most welcome.

Nominations as follows: Andrew Currie (Chair), Michael Hunter (Treasurer), Karen Dickin (Secretary), Duncan Elliott (Vice Chair), Francoise Currie (Membership Secretary), David Platt (Groups Coordinator), David Bridges (Speaker Secretary), Sheila Mackinder, Zeb Banks, Julie Hunter.

As there was only one nomination for each specific role, no one would be competing for selection. Our u3a Constitution allows for up to three additional people to be co-opted to the committee during the forthcoming year.

Nominees unanimously approved/agreed and duly elected.

FC thanked everyone for attending, and the AGM concluded.

**Date of next Open Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**