

Lostwithiel Area u3a Committee Meeting: Friday 16th January 2026

Present: Annie Singer (chairing meeting), Karen Dickin, David Platt, Andrew Currie, Zeb Banks, Liz Hemsley.

Apologies: Sheila Mackinder, Steph Thomas, Lalita Madhavani, Dave Bridges.

Confirmation of the status of the meeting as an additional committee meeting with agenda limited to a small number of items requiring discussion/action before next scheduled meeting in February.

Defib Training

David confirmed that there are now enough people (7) to allow the training to go ahead.

Feedback on the numbers for “The Story of Emily”

14 people have signed up so far. **Action: David to send out a note to membership with a final call and will then finalise details with the venue and Lerryn minibus.** *[Subsequent to meeting: Following “final call” notice to members we now have 30 (max) wishing to go with 2 more on a waiting list; the LAMA minibus is also currently full.]*

Group Leaders/Contacts/Committee Members’ Annual Lunch arrangements

u3a contribution of £5 per head as in previous years agreed. Attendees to be asked to pay in advance into the u3a Bank Account when they RSVP. **Action: Annie to send out invitation and collate menu choices.**

Recruitment to forthcoming committee vacancies

Some positive interest has been generated – discussion about how to take various conversations forward:

- A current committee member may be interested in filling the Membership Secretary role and has been put in touch with Steph.
- A further member is interested in joining the committee and will attend the next committee meeting and will be co-opted onto the committee.
- Another member has come forward expressing an interest in joining the committee and will be invited to attend the next committee meeting. **Action: Annie to take forward.**
- Karen offered to take over the Secretary role provided that a replacement Publicity Officer can be appointed.

Regarding our u3a Constitution, it was noted that the current committee (elected at 2025 AGM) can co-opt up to 3 new committee members until the next AGM. As 2 people have already been co-opted to the committee since the last AGM, procedurally only one more person can be formally co-opted in advance of the AGM in May, although others can attend committee meetings as guests.

The people in question, as above, to be invited to the lunch following the February committee meeting.

Messaging to membership to reiterate the continued need for new committee members

The role of Treasurer believed to be a critical outstanding role to fill, and comms should flag this. **Action: David and Karen to liaise with wording for the next Newsletter highlighting that we are still looking for volunteers to join the committee, particularly for Treasurer.**

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- Posters for next 2 Open Meetings prepared by Mark Hemsley and given to David and Annie for display nearer the time of meetings. **Action: Liz to ask Mark to send Annie Jpegs of the posters.**
- As Mark will not be routinely available to take care of IT for future meetings, it would be desirable to identify someone with a technical bent to help with this in the future; it does not necessarily need to be someone who is on the committee. **Action: To be mentioned at a future Open Meeting.**

Date of next committee meeting

Friday 20th February at 10.30 at Lanhydrock Hotel/Golf Club (prior to lunch)