MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday, 12th October at 12.15pm, Broom Church

Present: Mary Fyfe (MF), Allison Kershaw (AK), Alison Gordon (AG), Elaine Greaves (EG) Hazel Dunnachie (HD), Shirley Thorogood (ST)

Apologies: Jacquelynne Shore (JS) Annie Wills (AW)

No.		Action
1	**WELCOME** MF welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 12.15 pm.	MF
2	**MINUTES** Minutes from the meeting on Monday 10th August and Monday 19th August were approved.	ALL
	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT INLUDED IN AGENDA None	ALL
3	**CORRESPONDENCE – SECRETARY'S VERBAL REPORT** A representative from Greenbank Parish Church contacted our u3a to advise that a major new annex to the original Church building would be available for u3a events. HD is to contact the church to inquire about costing. Following the meeting, HD contacted the representative who supplied costs and it was agreed with the committee that it would be too expensive for our current needs. An email was received from the Chair of the Scottish u3a advising that they hope to send out an annual newsletter at the end of the month. They are requesting if we have any news from our u3a to share including photos to be sent to them. The Scottish Region u3a sent a reminder about the Autumn event which takes place on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 from 10 am. The subject is Scotland's Heritage and Traditions and they have some very interesting speakers lined up. They will send out the full timetable and joining instruction in the next week.	HD
4	**OCTOBER GROUPS REPORT** 1. Genealogy for Beginners Group has now folded. 2. Pickleball Group has folded. 3. Travel group have arranged a 2027 tour to County Donegal in June and an Afternoon Tea and Travel chat event in Parklands on 28th October. 4. Knitting group have returned to meeting in Eastwood Health Centre. 5. MP has taken over as the Spanish Chat group Facilitator. 6. AS resigned as facilitator and MOTO group has folded meantime. 7. AW resigned as facilitator of Cuppa@11; email sent to group asking for someone to take over this role. 8. EG will be the Deputy Facebook Administrator. 9. HH resigned as Backgammon group facilitator and AM has taken over this role. 10. Upholstery Group will restart in October for 5 weeks. 11. Popular Psychology group requested a move to the more expensive Lesser Hall due to a member's mobility.	

12. All Facilitators received a reminder about notifying the Membership Secretary if anyone requests a taster session for their group.
13. NMPC price increase notified. Completed application, RA and Insurance forms returned for the Yoga, SCD, KM and S&T groups.
14. Yoga group cancelled on 22nd & 29th October.
15. Broom Church - in order to avoid incurring unnecessary costs, 8 weeks' notice of cancellation required.
16. ERC 2027 room bookings confirmed for the following groups:
    Snooker, Russian, Talking Music, German, Italian 2, Popular Psychology, Backgammon, Chess, Italian Beginners, Spanish Improvers, Conversational French, Creative Writing, Crime Book Thursday, Crime Book Friday, Discussion, French Intermediate, Miniaturists, Poetry Writing.
    I have twice requested room bookings for the six Reading groups at Mearns Library but am still awaiting a reply.
17. Rummikub group to meet on Thursday 5th November to allow the Upholstery group to use the Iona Room on 3rd November.
18. Golf Swing & Coffee group now finished for 2026.
19. Conversational Italian November room booking changed from weeks 1 & 3 to weeks 2 &4.
20. Spanish Improvers group wish to meet twice a month in the Clarkston Hall.
21. Facilitators' Lunch was a success. Thanks go to ST for arranging this event.
22. BM resigned as the Rummikub & Scrabble Facilitator and the group have now folded.
23. Food Hygiene Certs required by the Broom Church. Hospitality Team & Chair to complete online training.
24. VB has resigned as Crime Book Friday Facilitator and been replaced by RC.
25. Boules group has finished for the season and will restart in April 2027.
26. AW has resigned as the Cuppa@11 Facilitator and been replaced by HD.

BEACON

Beacon is working well and the PayPal change has been seamless.
Facilitators have been asked to populate their group Schedule, in preparation for a further Portal roll out. AK

WEBSITE

Copyright seminar highlighted the dangers of including photos on our website or in the newsletter which may breach copyright laws. Some u3as have received fines of between £450-£750.
Only the current Chitchat is now live on the website to minimise the risk of detection and I had a chat with JH the editor.
The Trust have a limited licence to show films for educational purposes only, but no charge may be made to view the film.

The photography group photos appear instead of the Welcome page and this will be corrected soon.

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6 (a)	**Membership Secretary Verbal Report** EG advised there are 690 members. 41 new members from July and 21 since EG started as Membership Secretary. EG sends out a welcome email to all new members. New members are the future of our u3a. There was a discussion about new members who haven't yet joined a group; they will be invited to a New Members coffee morning/meeting.	EG
(b)	**Facebook** There was a discussion about Facebook and protocols when a member passes away. Old photos would be removed immediately; however, the member's family would be responsible for removing a member from Facebook.	
7	**Finance Report** September 2026 **Summary** 1. Payments totalling £871.40 made during the month. 2. The bulk of payments relate to room hire. 3. End of month bank balance, including PayPal was £12,741.42 plus the 32-day notice account £10,430.61 totalling £23,172.03. 4. Bank and Beacon reconcile.	

RECEIPTS	**Bank**	**PayPal**	**Beacon**
Subscriptions	0.00	323.94	323.94
Balance transfer from PP	164.71		164.71
Donations	0.00		0.00
Other Income	0.00		0.00
Contra entries	0.00		0.00
	164.71	323.94	
Totals		**488.65**	**488.65**
Difference			0.00

PAYMENTS	**Bank**		**Beacon**
Room Hire	761.00		761.00
Hospitality	0.00		0.00
Speaker Fees	40.00		40.00
Sundries	70.40		70.40
Contra entries	0.00		0.00
Totals	**871.40**		**871.40**
Difference			0.00

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8	**Treasurers Verbal Report** AG advised there are no issues with this month's Finance Report. AG suggested buying a projector for ERu3a. This will be feasible now with the increase in membership fees in 2027. **OSCR Register** OSCR are looking for a second person to update the register with the names of trustees. AG will do the annual report for the AGM. HD to take on this role, as agreed.	HD
9	**Christmas Party 16th December** The Clarkston Community Choir will provide entertainment at the party this year. It is not necessary to cater for the choir. An email is to be sent out to ERu3a members inviting them to the Christmas party. There will be 100 lucky tickets available, on a first come first served basis. This includes committee members. MF asked which charity we should donate to this year. There was a vote in favour of Alzheimer's UK.	ALL
10	**Monthly Meeting 21st October** David Garbutt, one of our own members, will give a talk, Escape from Stalag X1 C.	
11	**AOCB** MF advised she would like to give a talk about where our bank branches have gone. MF once worked in the bank and talked about how the bank's way of operating has changed significantly over the years. The Third Age Trust has advised that each u3a should keep their constitution under review. Given it is 5 years since it was adopted. MF felt that some of the sections could be improved and, to this end, a working group would be set up to carry out the review, then submit any recommendations to the committee. The aim is for any alterations to be presented for adoption at the next AGM in August 2027.	
12	Meeting closed at 1.35 pm Next meeting – Monday 9th November at 12.30 pm at the Broom Church, Iona Room	