

Minutes of u3a meeting on 21st March 2025 at Abbey Row at 10.30

Present: JS (chair), LM, RA, AG, MC, PS, LH, HH

In attendance: Tania Bridges (as a prospective committee member)

The committee recorded its thanks to David S for his work as a member of the committee.

Minutes of committee meeting 21st February: RS asked for her name to be added to the minutes as attending

Matters Arising: website stats to be followed up in 6mths time (Sep meeting)

Jerry to attend Abbey Row meeting on 26th Mach

Follow up email regarding change of room at AGM to be sent to Norman Henderson at KRC and request invoices.

Chair's report:

Thanks sent to speakers from Floors Castle and Prue Pullen at AGM

Treasurer's report:

Report circulated prior to meeting

Agreed to purchase 3 sturdier banners, 2 Welcome and 1 'Groups and Membership'

JS and AG to Investigate cost of replacement laptop

The committee Agreed to obtaining a card reader for online to facilitate membership purchases.

£500 received from Gift Aid; £700 expected this year.

Annual Report uploaded onto OSCAR

Agreed to give £30 to Practical Gardening group for willow weaving work. RA declared an interest as a member of this group.

Group co-ordinator's report:

Report circulated prior to meeting

46 groups, with 12 using Abbey Row.

Astronomy in abeyance due to ill health of leader

Secretary's report:

Nothing to report

Membership secretary's report:

420 members

Of the annual £10 subscription, £4 per member goes to our membership of the Third Age Trust (TAT); £1 per member to Beacon and £50 annually to the website

Forth coming meetings:

3rd April: Antartica

1st May: Borders pet rescue

Summer social 5th June – request booking of KRC from 11-2.30; quiz and music. Bring cakes etc.

4th Sep: meet and greet new and old members. Introduction to u3a. Melanie Reid to talk about 'talking books for the blind'

2nd Oct: Rob Longworth on the Trimontium Trust

Members Outings: 27th June (?) outing for all members to Pollock House, Glasgow

Succession planning:

Tania Bridges joined the meeting as a potential committee member. Roy Sandbach and Sally Keen have expressed an interest in joining.

AOB:

Tea for leaders: JS and MC to investigate.

Associate membership: there are 18 associate members who pay £5, with restrictions on which meetings they can attend. This is not monitored. Discussion for next meeting.

Suggestion box: good idea and to be at each meeting.

FB input into visit Kelso. Art work put together by AS' daughter.

Next meetings:

18th April, 16th May, 22nd august, 19th Sep, 17th Oct, 21st Nov at 10.30 at Abbey Row.

For next meeting:

Sound system

Domaine names

Associate members