

## **Minutes of u3a Four Borders 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 at Abbey Row at 10.30**

**Attendees:** JS (chair), LM, RA, LH, MC, HH, AG, RS, TB

**Apologies:** PS

**Minutes:** from 16<sup>th</sup> May were approved

**Matters Arising:** topics for AGM in March 2026 requiring member input – leader's tea; associate members; fees

Domaine Name update: awaiting a code from Chart. Thanks to Katie Ayrton for all here input.

**Chair's report:** distributed prior to the meeting. JS confirmed booking of speakers.

**Treasurer's report:** £4341 in main account; £711 from PayPal; £500 held in travel account. The group now has to pay bank charges for any cash or cheque transactions which could reach £200-300pa. All members will be encouraged to use Bank Transfer or PayPal although the committee agreed it was important that members should be able to pay by cash or cheque. RA looking at getting a 'tap' credit/debit card machine. The committee agreed that there needs to be good governance over the handling of cash/cheque.

**Secretary's report:** new members would be invited to a Welcome meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September after the committee meeting at 11.30. Another planned for 6 months time (March 20<sup>th</sup>?).

**Group co-ordinator's report:** distributed prior to the meeting. LM noted there was interest in mah-jong for both experienced players and beginners. No-one had come forward to teach Line dancing. RS and LH to put a proposal together for a Science group.

**Travel Group:** there was extensive discussion about timings of committee meetings to minimise clashes with the Travel group. It was decided to keep committee meetings on the third Friday of each month.

**Membership secretary's report:** the committee expressed their enormous thanks to AG for doing a complex and detailed so professionally.

**Abbey Row update:** The interim report to Scottish Borders Council is awaited and could go the October Council meeting. JS has taken the role of interim chair of Abbey Row. Liveborders has received a loan of £1m from the council.

**Forth coming meetings:**

LH to email RFC regarding layout for meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. This is a Welcome meeting, with groups etc being introduced. Melanie Reid will talk about 'talking books for the blind'.

Speakers for future meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Rob Longworth on Trimontium

6<sup>th</sup> November – Food Curious

4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas social starting at 12pm. Jedburgh town band to be invited and a quiz.

8<sup>th</sup> January – Gordon McKay on protecting ourselves online

5<sup>th</sup> February – RNIB

5<sup>th</sup> March – AGM. Floors gardeners to be invited for Gardeners question time

2<sup>nd</sup> April –

7<sup>th</sup> May –

4<sup>th</sup> June – summer social

Confirmation of future committee meetings:

- a. Already agreed – 19<sup>th</sup> Sep; 17<sup>th</sup> Oct; 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.
- b. As discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month for 2026:  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan; 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, 17<sup>th</sup> Apr; 15<sup>th</sup> Mar.