



## **BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A**

### **MINUTES**

**For the 297<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 online via Zoom**

**Present:** Howard Mordue (Chairperson), Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Katerina Owen (Group Liaison Officer), Andrew Richardson (Treasurer), Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Steve Meakin (Technical Support), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (7)

**Apologies:** Steve Warnes, Sheryl Hargreaves, Arthur Newman

- 1. Welcome**  
HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**  
The minutes were approved with no changes.
- 3. Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**  
AR reported that he has signed off an order for coaches for the first outing and this needs to be countersigned by HM. HM asked that AR flags any such orders by email in future. HM noted that KO and MO have done a marvellous job organising the Outings group, and MO thanked AR and DM for their contributions. A request for a loan for equipment for a new group was approved unanimously.
- 5. Newsletter Editor's Report**  
The last newsletter was published shortly before the February Open Meeting.
- 6. Membership Secretary's report**  
SW provided a written report. Membership numbers are still growing and there are now 904 members.

**7. Speaker Secretary's Report**

We have a new Speaker Secretary who has charity management experience. She is speaking to Roland about the role. She is new to U3A and may need support from the committee on choosing speakers to fill the programme.

**8. Group Liaison Officers' Report**

KO reported that the Outings Group planning meeting was held in early March. The first outing will be to Ely on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The purchase of a mobile phone up to the value of £50 was approved for the U3A Outings group. KO noted that she would like to encourage more men to join U3A and is considering new groups that would interest them. The New Members Coffee Morning next Monday should be well attended.

**9. Secretary's Report**

HH noted that she would finish her three-year term as Secretary after the AGM. KO suggested we start to look for a replacement at the New Members Coffee Morning. HH will prepare some handover notes.

**10. Webmaster's Report**

DM reported that she intends to step down as webmaster in the Autumn and is in discussion with a prospective replacement. She is writing some guidance to help with the handover. She will update the groups list ahead of the New Members meeting.

**11. Technical Support**

SM will be at the New Members Coffee Morning and the Open Meeting to provide technical support.

**12. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Next Committee Meeting (298<sup>th</sup>) to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00.**

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