

## Minutes of Great Glen,Oadby & Wigston u3a Committee

7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in the Ruth Warner Room, Great Glen Methodist Church

Present : Peter Williams, Lynda Williams, June Juett, Roger Edwards, Noelene Sapiro, Janet Fanko, Robert Mansfield, Cherry Thacker

1. Peter Williams welcomed the Committee. Apologies from Elizabeth Cooke.
2. Minutes of Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 approved.

### 3. Matters Arising/Action Points

- PW and LW reviewed Business Cycle and copies were distributed to the Committee. Amendments were highlighted. PAT Testing has been added to October. In November a Wigston Publicity event has been added and a New Members meeting (depending on the volume of recruitment in which area)

- AP JF to check numbers and report back

- AP PW to check venues and dates and email Committee.

- PW has emailed Oadby & Wigston Borough Council regarding a permit to hold a stall on the street for a Wigston Publicity event. Also, Leicester South Food Bank Community Space on Bell Street in Wigston have said that it could potentially be held there as an alternative.

- AP PW to send a suggestion of text to JJ to create a flyer for the event.

- NS suggested that the Hand Bell Ringers LSN Group would like to do a short performance at the Christmas Event

- NS had contacted the Salvation Army in regard to the Christmas Event but they were fully booked.

- AP PW to liaise with a Choir representative regarding a performance from them at the Christmas Event.

- RM has x40 Carol/Song sheets from last year's event.

- The GGOWu3a Business Cycle was approved by the Committee and accepted with thanks to PW and LW.

- LW suggested that policies on Dropbox be made more manageable.

- AP LW and RM to facilitate this

- JJ had contacted David Clitheroe the Organist regarding the Christmas Event but he is unable to come.

- Newsletters currently go to Oadby Library and PW suggested a few Newsletters and Flyers could go to Leicester South Food Bank for publicity.

- AP PW to facilitate this

### 4. Membership Matters JF

- Up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 there are 521 members

- +6 new members in September

- 91 new members for the year since January 2025

- 43 are Associate members

- 347 members do not subscribe to the magazine

- RM added that Advice and Guidance from u3a is 1 group per 10 members. The LSN groups – Hand Bell Ringers and Cryptic Crosswords may flourish into new groups.

### 5. Finance Matters RE

- £25,000 in the bank

- Extra rental for the use of Burton Overy Village Hall is to be paid quarterly.

- RM suggested that a key is bought for PW at a cost of £30. This was approved by the Committee.

- AP JJ to book a room for the Garden Visits Group at Great Glen Village Hall for 2 hours.

- Cost is £10 per hour in their smaller meeting room. This is for the Winter meetings - possibly for 2/3/4 meetings – it is weather dependent. Members of the group would pay £2 per person. A flyer

could be used to advertise the group available at the Village Hall.

- NS said that several members had asked about paying again for Serendipity. After discussion it was decided that tea and biscuits would be provided - so that it's the same as the Wigston Monthly Meetings.
- **AP PW and RE u3a brand tabards for £10 each. X6 authorised for purchase after discussion.**

#### **6. Gift Aid RE**

Nothing to report

#### **7. Monthly Speaker Meetings PW**

Helen Snow is happy to continue as Speaker Finder. Speakers are booked well into next year.

#### **8. Group Co-Ordinator's Report EC**

Nothing to report

NS Serendipity

- NS said that it was becoming difficult finding speakers to present at the meetings. RM suggested a small planning group to meet up and plan ahead for Serendipity with varied content.
- PW suggested a craft/art activity.

#### **9. New Trustees Support**

Nothing to report.

#### **10. Group Leaders Meeting**

- PW said it was mostly a success though time was a factor.
- Group Leaders need to keep registers up to date via Beacon
- Emergency Contact details were discussed. This was deferred to the next Committee Meeting in EC's absence.
- **AP PW to email Committee and Group Leaders with feedback from the meeting**

#### **11. Business Secretary's Report LW**

- votes for Vice Chair of u3a completed.
- Business Cycle review to include policies requiring renewal has been completed
- For the u3a Trust AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 LW has to register to vote and attend the online meeting. LW to be our voting member was agreed by the Committee.
- PW attended a Zoom meeting on the local network last week. The majority of attendees were in favour of another meeting to set up an informal network with the idea of sharing good ideas and mutual support. A further meeting is planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

#### **12. Newsletter JJ**

Nothing to report

#### **13. Website Development**

- Music and Good Company is suspended currently.

#### **14 Any Other Business**

- RE said that it's 25 years since Great Glen u3a was established in 2026 and 24 years since Oadby and Wigston u3a. A potential combined celebration was discussed for 2027.
- CT asked regarding uploading of Committee Minutes to the website and also to Dropbox. **AP CT to email PR to ask for training in this matter and in the meantime to ask PR if he would please upload the minutes from the June 2025 Committee Meeting onwards.**
- PW reported a problem last month because a group meeting off site borrowed the laptop from the Oadby Methodist Church. After discussion it was agreed that a solution would be for the Psychology Group to borrow the Wigston laptop when required.

**15. Next Meeting** : Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 at 2:15pm. Ruth Warner Room