

Minutes of Great Glen,Oadby & Wigston u3a Committee

2nd December 2025 in the Ruth Warner Room, Great Glen Methodist Church

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

1. Peter Williams welcomed the Committee.

2. Minutes of Meeting 4th November 2025 were approved.

3. Matters Arising/Action Points

- PW has liaised with the Wigston Liberal Club regarding the New Members Meeting which has been booked for Friday 23rd January 2026 from 11am until 12:30. The format will likely follow previous meetings.
- AP PW to come up with a format to bring to committee in January.
- AP RM to email PW with a previous agendas for ideas.
- LW has located some policies on Dropbox and RM offered to support with creating a list of policies, their location and dates due for review.
- AP CT to upload the minutes of the November Committee Meeting.
- PW has notified Group Leaders of the change in pricing of Table Tennis, Pickleball and Line Dancing for Beginners.
- EC has emailed Group Leaders regarding locking of cupboards.
- JJ and MJ have labelled resources in cupboards and PAT Tested items which required doing.
- JJ will notify the Committee when/if she is likely to use the projector in the village hall for her group.
- PW said that the meeting with a representative from OWBC regarding the Pop Up u3a Stall in Wigston has been deferred to 2026 nearer to the potential date.
- EC has emailed the feedback to Group Leaders from the Group Leaders meeting in September
- PW has checked the broken Website link which has been rectified.
- CT attended a meeting with PR regarding uploading minutes onto the Website and in Dropbox
- RE reminded the committee of the prior discussion for new groups.
- AP EC to check which groups are running and collate an up to date list to see what is currently available.
- AP In January the committee is to discuss what methods we could use to add new groups. The issue of Group Leaders was raised by EC
- AP RM suggested we look at groups and leaders. All committee members to come along in January with an idea for a new group. Then this can be discussed as an agenda item in January.
- RE has looked at Melton Mowbray u3a who have added 15 new groups this year. JF suggested that we look at what is on their website. PW said the BSL was a possibility but it's the leading of it. A short course was suggested; possibly an introductory 2 week one followed by a Beginners 6-8 week one. Then moving onto Intermediate and Advanced.
- RE has checked regarding Safeguarding and has sent committee members a link. It is up to individuals to do further research.

4. Membership Matters JF

- Membership = 532 as at 30/11/25
- 101 new members year to date with 45 associates

- Currently 357 do not take the u3a magazine
- New members from 1st January 2026 will use the new forms on the website.
- Thanks to RE for enabling this.
- A copy of the New Application Forms for the year 2026/2027 has already been E-mailed to Group Leaders.
- Renewals are upcoming. NS will join JF in the New Year to learn the procedure.

5. **New Members Meeting January 2026 PW**

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6. **Finance Matters RE**

- Just over £26,000 in the bank.
- Third Age Treasurers have written to u3a Treasurers regarding the Magazine. The price of which will rise to £4:20 from April 2026.
- The subscription must not match the exact price or it has an impact on Gift Aid.

Copyright Issues RE/RM

- RM attended a meeting on Zoom regarding Copyright issues - "Keeping it Legal" RM was signposted to the National Website regarding a document on this. There is a 2nd version which has been updated from July 2025
- Some u3a's have been fined for breaching copyright.
- If images or text are being considered for uploading onto the website please don't put anything up unless you have permission from the Copyright Holder.
- The advice is to double check the licensing requirements and attribute in the way the Licence Holder has stated.
- In the u3a nationally there's an NPLC and a Music Licence which appears to cover us. The cost is £70 approximately.
- **AP RM suggested he would draft a document for Group Leaders referring them for advice to the National u3a ensuring there is attribution where it's called for. This document can be brought to committee in January for discussion and to move forward.**
- We can offer advice to Group Leaders and JJ suggested it as an item for the next Group Leaders meeting.

7. **Christmas Panto Ticket Sales PW**

- 14 tickets sold. 6 remaining. This will be advertised at the Christmas Meeting on 10th December. After discussion tickets can be open to family members or friends who are not u3a members. Tickets can also be advertised at Chat at Chestnuts.

8. **Gift Aid RE**

- Nothing to report

9. **Christmas Meeting**

- **Handbells presentation (15 minutes approximately)**
- **14 ringers**
- **Karaoke Christmas songs**
- **Christmas attire**
- **72 mince pies purchased – more may be required.**

10. **Group Co-Ordinator's Report EC**

- EC has recently attended Beacon online training for Group Co-ordinators
 - A new set of Croquet balls has been approved.
- Ukulele Storage Space Requirements RM**

- equipment which belongs to the Group Leader is currently kept in their home. A cubic metre of storage is required. RM spoke to the Methodist Church Hall Caretaker who said they will take this matter to the Church Property Committee to try to resolve this matter. Then we can move forward from there.

11. Business Secretary's Report LW

- LW is currently working on the report for the Charity Commission.

12. Newsletter JJ

- The newsletter is on target and be ready to go out at the end of January 2026. It will cover February, March and possibly April.
- The Methodist Church Hall Caretaker had requested some items be PAT Tested which has been done and has been much appreciated. Thanks from the committee were expressed to JJ and MJ.

13. Report on Proposed Reforming of Network Meeting RM

- 15/20 local u3a's were represented and it was agreed there should be meetings of the Network.
- The u3a Trust and Council would like to see one.
- Exchanging information about what we're doing is highly valuable.
- It does require a leader/facilitator.
- Syston and Great Glen, Oadby and Wigston have volunteered to host.
- X3 meetings a year was suggested.

14. Display Boards RM

- RM drew to the Committees attention that Toni Smith is currently holding x2 sets of Display Boards (one of which she purchased to replace a lost set) and is storing them.
AP PW will liaise with Toni regarding potentially storing them elsewhere and be in touch with her.

15. Any Other Business

- NS said the plan for January Serendipity will be MockTails and a Beetle Drive and in February there would be a Musical Entertainer with a Banjo and singing along with a 2nd activity.
- CT reported an issue from a member regarding the large print Newsletter.

16. Next Meeting : Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 2:15pm. Ruth Warner Room