

Minutes of Great Glen,Oadby & Wigston u3a Committee
5th May 2026 in the Ruth Warner Room, Great Glen Methodist Church at 2:15pm

Present : Peter Williams, Roger Edwards, Elizabeth Cooke, Janet Fanko, Robert Mansfield, Cherry Thacker and Noelene Sapiro.

Apologies were received from Lynda Williams, June Juett and Elizabeth Cooke who will be arriving later.

1. Peter Williams welcomed the Committee.
2. Minutes of Meeting 7th April 2026 were approved.

3. Matters Arising/Action Points

PW has sent the Copyright Memo document to Group Leaders.

AP PW to circulate a link to a recent Copyright Presentation from our TAT Regional Representatives to Committee Members and this matter will be added to the agenda for the June Committee Meeting.

There was a query regarding the Film Group by RE as to whether we are meeting Copyright advice for films shown. Other groups may be affected – Handbells and Ukulele for example.

AP PW to email this information to PR

JJ has added references in the Newsletter directing members to the u3a website regarding member benefits.

The link for booking the Little Theatre production of Baskerville has been removed.

Members of the GGOW u3a have been emailed regarding considering standing for the Committee.

AP RE to contact our Independent Financial Examiner regarding the Certificate Statement.

JF has sent reminders to members for renewals.

PW has tried to speak with the Handbell Group Leader to discuss the situation with low numbers.

Agenda Point 5.1 RE has circulated the Assets Register

Agenda Point 8.1 EC has uploaded the Group Leaders Handbook summary to Dropbox. RE suggested that this document go on the Website

AP RE to upload the document.

Agenda Point 8.2 Carpet Bowls Group. PW has visited the site. Access is complete and the parking and kitchen facilities are ready. A door for the toilet facilities will be installed by the 7th May.

All equipment has been moved to the site. The Bowmen of Glen have been very obliging.

Agenda Point 9 The Annual Return has been submitted to TAT by LW, RE and PW.

AP PW to contact TAT regarding a query regarding Associate Members being declared in our membership figures.

AP PW to check on what has already been submitted.

Currently we do not have a named Publicity Officer. It was decided after discussion to carry this forward until after the AGM.

4. Membership Matters JF

- Membership = 492 (30.04.26)

JF received 72 resignations since January 2026.

- JF has resigned 21 of the non renewals where they will stay until the end of the year.
- 7 new members in April.
- 35 new members since January 2026
- 40 associates
- Currently 340 do not take the u3a magazine
- 30/04/26 is the cut off date for renewals. Members have a months grace.
- The fee for BEACON is charged at the end of the business year.

5. Finance Matters RE

- £29,500 in the bank.
- £250 from the Sam Muir Memorial. RM suggested an annual prize of £30 for a piece of poetry in Sam's memory. This could be announced in September 2026 and awarded in December 2026.

AP RM to create some text around this.

- JF suggested that a piece of Sam's poetry be read at the Monthly Meeting in Wigston and at Serendipity in September.
- AP PW to send the paper with the Group Attendance Statistics to the Committee.
- Published Accunts Paper FP1 will be included ready for the AGM.
- Financial Controls Paper FP2

In December 2025 TAT sent a checklist to be completed by us.

The Trustees as a whole need to make sure they are up to date.

We considered our Financial Rules in January 2026. Now this document has been published this will be used in future to ensure our financial controls show compliance.

6. Gift Aid RE

- This has been submmitted. Our eligible subscriptions have dropped because we cannot claim for the magazine element of the subscription.
- There is a small claim drop of £500.
- We may wish to consider encouraging those who are able to do so, to sign up for Gift Aid.

7. Governance Matters

7.1 AGM arrangements

Paper A Minutes of the GGOW u3a for 25th June 2025

- Paper B Chairs Perspective.
- Paper C Treasures Report
- Paper D Annual Report and Accounts
- AP RM to email RE with suggested amendments
- AP RE to look at the format of the balance table.
- Paper E Attendance and Postal Voting Form.

Approval of accounts needs to be included.

- Paper F Notice of 2026 AGM

AP An amendment to email the Vice Chair with any queries.

All the above papers were considered and discussed by the Committee and some amendments were suggested.

AP PW to email RE with the original AGM documents.

The Committee discussed the printing of the documents for members.

- Documents will be emailed to members on email.
- Hard copies will be required for those members not on email which will need to be named.
- X2 large print copies will be required

- Most members not on email will collect their documents at the Monthly Meeting. The remainder will be posted. Offers to hand deliver any remaining documents were put forward by some Committee Members.

AP RE to collate documents with amendments and email the Committee.

AP JF to email RE with amount of copies required + 10/12 extra

After discussion it was decided to present the Awards at the Group Leaders Meeting.

8. Group Co-Ordinator's Report EC

- Walking Further Group. A walk is arranged for Thursday 7th May. EC to lead due to the person who was going to lead being unwell.
- The missing computer lead has been found.
- EC suggested purchasing another mains cable as backup.
- AP PW to source a new mains cable.
- The instructions for the computer keep going missing. RE has laminated a set.
- Copyright issues were highlighted. Please see Matters Arising.
- Line Dancing are hoping to move back to the Great Glen Village Hall from Burton Overy after the refurbishment.

9. Update on Carpet Bowls Temporary Relocation

- AP PW to upload the Carpet Bowls Agreement contract in Dropbox
- Please see Matters Arising 8.2

10. Network Meeting PW

- A network meeting has been arranged for the 22nd June 2026 hosted by GGOW u3a at the Menphys Centre. So Far 3 u3a's have indicated they will attend.

11. Business Secretary's Report LW

- Please see Matters Arising Agenda Point 9

12. Newsletter JJ

- Nothing to report. All is up to date.

13. Publicity Event May 2026 PW

- Timings 10:30 – 2:30

- PW to attend from 10AM until 2:30 & Move Resources

PW & RE	1ST HOUR INCLUDING SET UP
CT & NS	11:00 – 12:30
RM & EC	12:30- 2:30
RE	2:30 TO MOVE RESOURCES WITH PW

14. Any Other Urgent Business

- Book Group Mondays (RE)
- The Group Leader has a person who is stepping in temporarily but there could be an issue if there's an incident with a non resident Group Leader.
- JF suggested the person becoming a Deputy or 2nd Group Leader.
- AP EC to contact the Group Leader mid month.
- A contact of NS has asked if we can have a meeting where the Carpet Bowlers and

New Age Kurlers meet and play each other's game. Something to consider.

- The Bowmen of Great Glen have an Open Day on Saturday 23rd May between 11am and 4pm. It's an opportunity to see the new facilities and perhaps try Archery.
- PW has received an email from Natalia Lerigo-Smith sharing a research opportunity for people who have issues hearing speech in noisy places. The research is linked to Nottingham University Hospitals with the National Institute of Hearing Research. They are trialling 2 new listening and thinking games.
- **AP PW to email and ask for more information before any commitment is made.**

15. Next Meeting : Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 2:15p.m. Ruth Warner Room