

Minutes of the u3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 23 July 2025

Baan Thai, 6 Sydney Crill Park, St Clement

Present

Steve Read, Nick Bone, Juliette White, Michael Talibard, Judy O'Sullivan, Tom Bunting

Appointment of officers

The committee recalled that it had been re-elected at the AGM on the 9th July 2025. Accordingly, it was agreed that the posts on the committee would be undertaken, as follows:

- Chairman – Steve Read
- Treasurer – Nick Bone
- Web Manager – Juliette White
- Magazine Distribution – Michael Talibard

The other members of the committee being Tom Bunting and Judy O'Sullivan.

This left a vacancy in the post of Secretary. The Chairman in his newsletter would appeal to members to self-nominate if they felt able to undertake the task. In the meantime the Chairman, as the former Secretary would continue in the role.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 4th June 2025 having been read, were approved.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked his fellow members for their agreement to stand for re-election and for their confidence in his leadership. It was noted that David Holl had been re-elected to the post of Examiner of Accounts and the Treasurer was asked to inform him accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the **Italian (language) Group** was looking for a new convenor and new members. Rosemary Sanchez de Vega had informed him that having functioned as convenor for many years she now wished to stand down. Unfortunately, no present member of the group felt able to replace Rosemary as convenor. The Chairman would appeal for a volunteer and new language enthusiasts in his newsletter. The Committee expressed its gratitude to Rosemary for her many years of service.

There was the potential for the creation of a new group – **Lego Building**. A member had approached the Chairman at the recent AGM who was interested in setting up a Lego Group. The aim would be to host the group at the Old Rectory, St Saviour where it was hoped to store the Lego kits. These could be purchased second-hand or donations sought. The Chairman would make enquiries of Andrew Parker. Details as to how the

group would operate were yet to be defined. Nevertheless, it was welcomed that a member was looking to set up a new group which broadened our offer to members. The committee was supportive of the idea and interest of the wider membership would be sought.

The Chairman said he intended over the next year to meet as many members as possible and would contact convenors after the summer holidays to invite himself to one of their group meetings so he might better understand how best he and the committee could best assist the membership.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that membership (paid) stood at 300 with several other applications in the pipeline.

The balance of the Jersey u3a account stood at £12,960.55 as of 16th July.

The Treasurer received expenses requests from the Chairman; flowers for Anne £35.00, and the purchase of a portable voice amplifier £24.00, and from the Web Manager; catering supplies £16.60, all in connexion with the AGM. The requests were approved accordingly.

Web Manager's Report

The Web Manager reported that the website was performing well. She would contact convenors to enquire if there were any changes to their meetings schedule for the coming summer.

Coffee Morning

The members' coffee morning would be held on Wednesday 13th August at the Radisson Blu Hotel, starting at 10.30. Committee members were invited to attend, if they were able, to meet new members present and assist with any enquiries about the association.

Quiz Night

Judy confirmed that with Gary's support as Quizmaster there would be another members' quiz night on Tuesday 21st October at the Up and Down Bar in Queen's Street. There was maximum capacity for 40 persons with a cost per head of £15.00, which will include a buffet supper (priced at £13.50). The balance to be spent on prizes for the evening. Arrival time was 6.45 with the meal served at 7.00. Judy had paid the £100 deposit to secure the premises for the occasion. She did not need to be re-imbursed as members would be asked to contact her with payment in advance if they were going to attend. A note to this effect would be included in the next newsletter. The Committee thanked Judy and Gary for organising this event after two successful quizzes last year.

Attendance of u3a UK members at u3a Jersey events/groups

The Committee adopted a proposition of Michael Talibard, seconded by Steve Read that Jersey u3a members who had family or friends visiting the Island and who themselves were a member of a UK u3a association should be able to bring that member along to a

u3a group/event on a singular occasion – subject to agreement of the relevant convenor given the limits on space etc. It was not thought that this would be significant in numbers but would allow local members, if they so wished, to continue to attend meetings whilst hosting their visitors.

Date of Next meeting

The Committee agreed to next meet on Wednesday 24th September, at 4.00 at the home of the Chairman.

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