MINUTES

Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 18th June, 2025

Present:

Stuart Kirkman (Chair)	Jim Farrell	Irene Molyneux
Robert Baker	Marie Gornell	Veronica Murphy
Pat Bright	Sue Jones	Ted Southworth
Jane Clarke	Michael Jolley	Kate Williams
Roger Darling	John Latham	

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Doyle and Janice Parr.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21st May, 2025 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by Stuart.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Further to the request from Trish Grimshaw, Parish Clerk of Mawdesley Parish Council, enquiring whether our U3a would be interested in being involved in a project to walk the paths of Mawdesley in order to determine their condition, Stuart wrote back to say we would be interested. To date he has had no response.

3.2 As mentioned at the last committee meeting it was agreed that a request made by a solicitor from Wills on Wheels to have a consultation table at one of our community mornings in order for members to discuss wills should be turned down as it was not considered appropriate.

3.3 Discussion took place regarding how to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our U3a in June 2026. It was agreed that it would be best to hold any celebrations on a Wednesday as we already have the use of Mawdesley Village Hall. Hopefully the weather will be good and any celebrations can be held on the Millenium Green but if the weather is inclement we can move things indoors. Pat mentioned that last time there was a mobile van which served “mocktails” and tea and coffee. Jim suggested that the Leyland U3a have a ukelele group which may be willing to come along to perform. It was also suggested that our guitar group be approached to do a turn. Stuart said Joan and Kay have offered to co-ordinate things. It was agreed that the celebrations should take place on either the 10th or 17th June, 2026.

3.4 Following discussion it was agreed that we fund 50 percent of the cost of a new table for the table tennis group.

It was agreed that David Mogg, who runs the photography group, be given the go-ahead to purchase a roller blind to be installed in the annexe. Stuart will suggest that this be installed on a Wednesday morning.

It was agreed that John could purchase a white board for his philosophy group.

4. Business Secretary's Report

The following document was received by designated officers –

- June update for U3as

The following documents were forwarded to committee members –

- May U3a Friends' newsletter
- Reminder and information about the North West Region AGM and Conference
- U3a Friends' Newsletter from the Third Age Trust

5. Treasurers's Report

Roger had previously circulated this month's figures to the committee. He reported that he proposes to transfer £10,000 into the newly opened easy access savings account. He will then withdraw £5,000 of this as a trial to check whether the withdrawal system works. Roger, Stuart and Sue are the signatories for this account.

6. New projector screen

Stuart demonstrated how to erect the new projector screen. The old screens are in the back of the store room.

7. Any Other Business

- Stuart reported that he had nominated Christine for the position of Chair of the North West U3a Committee on our behalf. Kay has seconded this nomination.
- Stuart raised the issue of requests from other organisations to advertise in our newsletter. Following discussion it was agreed that we limit these to events within our catchment area.
- Christine has reported that on occasion it is difficult to fit items in the newsletter if they are too lengthy and/or accompanied by photographs. It was agreed that Christine should use her discretion regarding editing items if they are too long. Christine will be asked to give some guidance on length of items to Pat in order that she can cascade this information to group leaders.
- It was agreed that Pat send out an email to group leaders asking them to encourage their group members to both read the weekly newsletter and look at our web page for more information about events, groups, etc.

- It was agreed that we hold our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 15th October, 2025.
- Christine has said she would like someone with good IT skills to assist her with the compilation of the newsletter. Hazel Taylor from the walking table has agreed to do this.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 16th July, 2025.

J. Clarke