

Minutes of Sandbach & District u3a Trustees Meeting
held at 9.30am Monday 16 March 2026

Item		Action
1	Present: Kate Ashcroft, Linda Bilsborrow, Gillian Curtis, Moira Egan, Barrie Hacking, Alice Holmes, Gwen Lewis, Stuart Naylor, Paula Reilly Cooper, Steve Roe, Ken Talbot, Linda Williams Apologies: None	
2	Minutes of February meeting Accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Matters arising Item 6 Volunteers now collect cash for membership subscriptions and transfer the money from their own account. Item 7 Ken to follow this up and review in April. Item 8 Reserves are probably the most important figure for trustees to be aware of. Overview of finances to appear on April's agenda.	Ken Gillian
3	AGM results of voting 337 members voted in the AGM. There were zero 'No' votes for any question. Most comments were congratulating trustees on carrying out their roles. Other comments included the format of email updates; fee collection arrangements for bowling groups; and whether members meetings always have to be on a Monday. There are no issues that trustees need to follow up further.	
4	Review of AGM Allocating 30 minutes in the Town Hall is unnecessary if we don't go through the various reports. However the main function of the face to face part of the AGM is accountability – it is an opportunity for members publicly to hold trustees to account. In future we should highlight the fact that the face to face part of the AGM in the Town Hall is the final stage of the AGM before trustees confirm the results of voting.	Ken Stuart Linda B
5	Report from website review Lots of useful progress has been made with the website review. We agreed to a major redesign of the website over the next year. Gwen will report progress on a regular basis. In the meantime no major changes will be made to the website, other than on-going maintenance. The photography group will be asked if they wish to take photos (mostly of members/groups) for the new website. Depending on their reply there will be a general request through the update.	Gwen Ken
6	Finance update a) Finance update Report accepted. We discussed whether a yearly rolling comparison might be useful; Stuart apologized for not noticing that Gillian had included this in previous reports. b) Gift Aid Linda B will send the complete article on Gift Aid to Barrie. Barrie will check whether there is any discrepancy on the paper form and the website. c) Walking cricket The walking cricket team hopes to invite at least three teams to play in Sandbach. We agreed to subsidise refreshments up to £50 per match as in previous matches.	Ken Barrie, Linda B

	We did not support the purchase of tickets for the national u3a Festival in York for walking cricket team members. Tickets need to be purchased individually by members.	Paula
7	Membership update The membership report was accepted. Membership is now more than it was pre-Covid. Two new members have not paid the subscription after joining online. We agreed to suspend their membership from any groups until it is paid. The system has now been changed so with luck this will not happen in future. Ken will follow up with the potential volunteer to take over as membership secretary. There was a query regarding Barrie's figures which he will follow up.	Barrie Ken Barrie
8	Update on groups One lunch club is now suspended because the GL has stepped down. Yoga One GL intends to step down; Paula hopes to find a replacement from the group. The first Talk Time meeting has been held, with a positive response from members. Plenty of interest for the first meeting of the Family History group in May. ChairFit starts after Easter in St Peters, Elworth. It looks like the group is already full even before it starts, though some members may need to check out the nature of the group before they finally commit. The Chapel Street venue we use for table tennis may be sold, which would mean moving our tables elsewhere. Moira will arrange a meeting with the person responsible for the venue.	Paula Moira
9	Trustees admin b) Membership application form Gwen, Barrie and Linda B will liaise with Jinty about this. c) Risk Assessment for trips Stuart reported on a problem that Congleton u3a had with a member getting lost on a recent trip and requested this go on a future agenda. Alice and Linda W to consult before the next meeting.	Gwen, Barrie, Linda B Alice, Linda W
10	AOB a) Problem reported with SWISH incorrectly allocating a recent payment; also ongoing problems with forwarding emails. b) Helen Moon now edits the newsletter so any items can go to her (newsletter@sandbachu3a.org.uk). The issue with over-large fonts should be fixed now. c) Linda B will resend results from the GL working lunch survey to Paula.	Gwen Linda B
	Meeting closed at 11.26 am. Next Trustees meeting on Monday 20 April at 09.30 am	