

**MINUTES OF EXE VALLEY U3A AGM HELD AT THE CHERITH HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025**

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Pat Bell, David and Carol Toynbee, Alison Robertson, Maggie Rice, Ro Darlington, Jenny Justice, Janet and Steve Harding, Frank Philip, Helen Booth, David Harvey, Suzie Gitsham, Tony and Pat McGee, Peter Collins, Jo Jeffrey, Liz Watson, Helen White, June Turner, Eileen Curtis, John and Carol Langley.

The Minutes of the last meeting had already been circulated to all members and were adopted by those present.

Adoption of Minutes Proposed by: Carol Powney. **Seconded by:** Carol Boote, approved by all and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

At the 2024 AGM I reported that activities had been largely “steady as we go” following our recovery from the Covid pandemic with no major changes in our modus operandi apart from moving the location of our monthly meetings to the Cherith Hall.

Sadly over the last twelve months Margaret Wallwork , Gillian Henson and Ben Mayo have passed away and we have lost others due to declining health, moving away and family commitments etc.

This year I think it is fair to say that the past twelve months has seen us in an increasingly positive and outward looking frame of mind. Our overall membership has increased as have the number of members attending the monthly meetings.

We have reached out to the Tiverton and Culm Valley u3a's in the belief that greater co – operation and collaboration with our neighbours will enable us to learn “best practice” from one another and offer greater opportunities to our members than we would be able to do if we operated in isolation from each other.

One example of this is the opportunities to go on coach outings where, as it is unlikely each u3a would be able to fill the coach within their own membership, the price of trying to organise trips individually would be prohibitively expensive.

Another example is the new art course which is an Exe Valley event but run by Sue Hooper – Lawrie from the Culm Valley u3a. It has almost twenty participants comprised of members from all the local u3a's.

Our individual groups, which are at the heart of what we do, continue to thrive. In addition to the afternoon “speaker lead” monthly meetings we have held a couple of coffee mornings which have proved popular and which we intend to hold again in the future probably on a twice yearly basis.

None of these things happen by themselves and my list of thanks to everyone who contributes to making Exe Valley such a success is quite a long one.

Firstly, on your behalf I would like to thank your excellent committee whose dedication and positive attitude to what they do makes them a real pleasure to work with and certainly makes the Chairperson’s life easier than it might be otherwise.

Thanks to all the Group Leaders who provide such a wide range of activities for us to learn new things, make new friends and generally enjoy ourselves.

All of this is supported by many “Really Useful People” who produce the newsletters, our welfare officer, our website manager, provide technical expertise at our monthly meetings, our “meeters and greeters”, our “librarians” , to the small army of helpers in the kitchen who provide our refreshments and everyone who helps put away the tables and chairs after our meetings.

Finally many thanks to yourselves for your continued support of this wonderful organisation. If you are enjoying yourselves (and from my conversations with you and the happy faces I see) I believe that you are, please don’t keep the secret to yourselves.

Talk to your friends about us, invite them along to your meetings, encourage them to give us a try and hopefully join us if they like what they see.

We welcome new members who will perhaps bring with them new ideas and skills and who may in time step forward to serve on the committee (we won’t go on forever) or even start or run groups of their own.

Thank you one and all.

Proposed by: Sue Collins. **Seconded by :** Barbara Pearce

Approved by all.

Treasurer’s Report

Audited Exe Valley u3a 2024 Financial Statement For year ending 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
1. Subscription	2098	795
2. Meeting charge	1047	1175
3. Gift Aid 0		0
4. Events	1121	745
5. TAM + N/L	95	16
6. Books	101	139
7. Raffle/other	291	401
8. Tea/donations	0	174
9. Receipts other	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	4754	3463

Note: Categories for Payments changed for 2024

PAYMENTS	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
1. Venue	731	1. Venue 534
2. Speakers	795	2. Speakers 822
3. Stationery	171	3. Stationary 66
4. Bank fees	130	4. Bank fees 28

5. Events	1111	5. Events	899
6. Purchases and prizes	263	6. Purchases	51
7. Welfare	34	7. National dues	978
8. Capitation and other	<u>1067</u>	8. Welfare	90
Total (2023)	4303	9. Raffle prizes	82
		10. Other	<u>3</u>
Total (2024)			3553
Money in bank 1 January 2024			£3874
Floats			<u>£150</u>
Total at start of year			£4024

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Receipts	£3463
Payments	<u>£3553</u>
Surplus/Deficit	-£90
Brought forward	£4024

TOTAL FUNDS AT YEAR END £3,934

Year End Assets

Money in bank 31 December 2024.	£3714
Floats 31 December 2024	£182
Cash in hand 31 December 202	<u>£38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AT YEAR END	£3,934

Current Liabilities – zero

Chair

The Treasurer presented his report which had been audited by Tricia Clarke. Paul thanked Tricia, in her absence, for auditing the accounts for us.

The Adoption of the accounts was

Proposed by: Jill Riddiford. **Seconded by:** Jane Morris

Approved by all.

To: The Chair, Exe Valley U3A

Re Exe Valley U3A Accounts 2024

As requested, I have undertaken an independent examination of your accounts for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

Based on the information provided I can confirm that the figures shown in the balance sheet reconcile to the analysis of receipts and payments and the bank statements, (bearing in mind there is no audit trail in respect of cash receipts).

I have also reviewed a sample of the prime records and reconciled the sample.

In my opinion, the financial statement represents a true and fair view of the activities of the group for the year under examination.

With kind regards.

P M Clarke

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Date 3/3/25

There followed a presentation of gifts to the three committee members who were leaving the committee – Chris Redhead, Joan Kelly, Carol Boote. They were thanked for their service.

Election of Officers and Committee

Post	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Deborah Lal	Barbara Pearce	Lesley Ellen

After the election of the new chair, Deborah then took over chairing the meeting for the remainder of the voting.

Vice-Chair	Michael Turner	Carol Boote	Christine Redhead
Secretary	Carol Langley	Gwen White	Peter Collins
Treasurer	Karyl Huntley-Sadler	Jane Morris	Peter Collins

Each officer was voted on separately and all were in favour.

Committee

Jill Riddiford	Helen Booth	Anne Thomas
Anne Bush	Joan Kelly	Christine Redhead
Jo Jeffrey	Carolyn Holmes	Sylvia Smith
John Langley	Gwen White	Sheelagh Bourdon
Paul Sadler	Jane Morris	Peter Collins

The committee were voted en bloc and were unanimously accepted.

Deborah thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting was closed.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2026.