

Exe Valley u3a Committee Meeting Minutes held at OHSCC Wednesday 11 February 2026

Present: D Lal (Chair), C Langley (Secretary), M Turner, J Riddiford, A Bush, J Langley, J Jeffrey, J Kelly, K Huntley-Sadler, P Sadler.

Apologies: None.

Deborah welcomed the Committee

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of the committee meeting held 14th January 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Amendments: None.

Matters arising:

To be discussed per the agenda of this meeting.

Chair's Report:

The preparation required for the AGM was discussed. **Karyl** agreed to speak at the February monthly meeting regarding her experience as a committee member with Exe Valley u3a. She will keep members informed of the roles and work undertaken by the committee members. It is hoped that this may encourage nominations.

Jill informed that a member had commented that as sufficient funds were held, a printed copy of the monthly newsletter should be made available to those members who do not have an email address. **Deborah** will contact Carol Boote to print 6 copies to be available at the monthly meetings. There will be a £1 charge per copy.

Secretary's Report:

Carol advised that the AGM preparation is in hand. A committee member nomination form will be added to the February newsletter. Additionally the request for nominations will be shown on screen at the February monthly meeting.

Carol will email the membership to give 21 days notice of the AGM including the minutes of the 2025 AGM and copy of preceding year accounts.

A memo issued by the Senior Advice and Information Officer of the u3a has been received regarding the Data Access Act 2025. Agreed no further action to be taken at this stage until further guidance is received from National Office.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance at bank £6,420.83. Cash in floats £160.50. Unbankable Coins £27.76

Total assets £6,609.09

Paul advised that the recent mismatch between the bank statement and the Beacon system regarding the membership renewals and new member fees is being investigated with Jill's help and will be resolved. There is an additional 2025 year end discrepancy of £346.45 (in our favour), which is believed to be due to missing records from the Art Classes held in 2025. This will be accounted for under 'Art Event'.

Website Manager's Report:

The newsletters are up to date on the website. The Committee Nomination Form will be added.

Publicity Report:

Deborah will request Carol Boote to forward a copy of the publicity poster which was designed some while ago. The Committee to view and update on receipt.

Mike advised that Exe Valley u3a now has a full page coverage in the Witheridge Voice Magazine.

It has been noted that Exe Valley u3a is not mentioned in an article regarding local u3as which is included in a recent edition of the One magazine circulated in Mid Devon area.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Jill reported there are now 251 members including 5 new. 58 members are yet to renew and will be cancelled if not renewed by the AGM 18th March 2026.

Paul will forward a weekly copy of the bank statement for Jill to action any paid renewal fees.

IT Report:

It was reported that Ray has advised that the proposed testing of the laptop and projector has not gone ahead as his contact is no longer able to undertake the task.

The email received from Tim confirming the Pat Testing has been done on the list of electrical equipment held, was discussed.

Carol will contact Tim to clarify which items are regularly used for Exe Valley u3a meetings with the view to authorise Tim to dispose of any obsolete items which are causing storage problems.

Social Co-ordinator's Report:

The BT Digital Training sessions are booked for 20th February and 13th March. Committee members to attend if possible.

25 tickets now sold for the Box Museum trip on 6th March. There is currently one spare ticket.

Beacon Administrator's Report:

Jo has contacted David Meredith and Jill Aldrich regarding use of the Group Ledger on the Beacon System for the Local History Group, and will be meeting with Jill to give guidance.

Groups Coordinator's Report:

Mike advised that he has emailed the group leaders with a request received from Lynne (Lyddon) to include more photos with their reports for the monthly newsletter. To date he has not had any response.

Programme Coordinator's Report:

John will continue to research for a suitable organisation to give Fiirst Aid Training.

Welfare Notes:

Cards have been sent. Joan will stand in for Marilyn as needed.

AOB:

As 3 committee members are unable to attend in April, the first meeting of the new committee will be held Wednesday 6th May 2026.

Jill advised that a member had suggested the formation of a 'Cinema' group to attend the local Tivoli cinema. Following discussion it was agreed that this would not be practical given the set of circumstances involved.

Items for newsletter:

Committee nominations
AGM attendance required
Tea rota

Date/time of next meeting:

Wednesday 4th March 2026 9.30am OHSCC