

## **Exe Valley u3a Committee Meeting Minutes held at OHSCC Wednesday 14 January 2026**

**Present:** D Lal (Chair), C Langley (Secretary), M Turner, J Riddiford, A Bush, J Langley, J Jeffrey, J Kelly.

**Apologies:** K Huntley-Sadler, P Sadler.

Deborah welcomed the Committee

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

Minutes of committee meeting 04 December 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**Amendments:** None.

### **Matters arising:**

To be discussed per the agenda of this meeting.

### **Chair's Report:**

Deborah reported that although she had been unable to attend the Christmas monthly meeting herself, she had received good comments from members who had enjoyed the quiz and carol singing. Thanks are extended to Tim and Lynne for providing the entertainment.

Deborah advised that she will be not be able to attend the AGM on 18 March. Mike will therefore report at the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Joan Kelly onto the committee with immediate effect.

Deborah will contact Karyl and Paul regarding the preparation and auditing of the year end accounts to be presented at the AGM.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Carol will email members to request committee nominations to be returned to her no later than Tuesday 03 March. Members will be notified of the AGM via the February newsletter.

The subject of the Devon County Council library consultation which had been brought to the attention of the Secretary, was discussed and it was agreed that Exe Valley u3a would take no action as it is deemed not to be a u3a issue.

There has been a recent invitation sent by Okehampton u3a for a garden tour and a BBQ being held in 2026 by 2 of their members. Anne will email EV members.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Per Paul's email and copy bank statement sent in his and Karyl's absence

Balance at bank as at 31 December 2025 £4,678.53

Floats £165.50

Unbanked coins £44.16

Christmas raffle takings £60

**Website Manager's Report:**

No report.

**Publicity Report:**

No report in Paul's absence.

Mike advised that an item (based on EV trifold leaflets) now appears on the Witheridge village website for the Voice magazine and may appear as an article in a future edition of the magazine which is delivered to every house in Witheridge.

**Membership Secretary's Report:**

Jill advised that 4 members have resigned. There are now 247 members.

The TAM subscription has now been raised to £4.20. It was agreed to leave as £3.50 as only 4 EV members are involved.

**IT Report:**

No report in Paul's absence.

Deborah will check with Tim for feedback regarding the safety check of all the electrical equipment held.

Mike will contact Ray concerning the proposed testing of the projector and laptop.

**Social Coordinator's Report:**

Anne advised that 23 have booked and paid for the Box Museum/Plymouth trip on 6th March.

The BT Digital Training session is booked for Friday 20 February 10 am at the Cherith Hall. 21 members have shown interest. A further session may be held depending on success of the first session.

**Beacon Administrator's Report:**

Per the latest Beacon Newsletter recently circulated, Jo advised that Wendy Halley has been appointed as Service Manager supporting the Beacon and Siteworks team. Additionally a digital platform is being developed and part time volunteers recruited to undertake software testing.

Timeouts when sending an email plus attachments to many recipients have now been eliminated through enhanced software.

Further Beacon training sessions will be scheduled in 2026. These could be booked if there are changes in roles and responsibilities in the new committee after the AGM.

Jo will contact Jill Aldrich and David Meredith regarding use of the Beacon group ledger for the Local History Group.

**Group Coordinator's Report:**

Mike advised that he remains in contact with Tiverton and Culm Valley u3as. He will check out the evaluation form following the L4TP4T sessions.

It was agreed to cross check group members names against the membership list at a future date to ensure all are paid up members for the new year.

### **Programme Coordinator's Report:**

Speakers are booked and confirmed up to November 2026.

### **Welfare Notes:**

Marilyn has sent cards as requested.

### **Items for the Newsletter:**

Subscriptions  
Committee nominations  
Reminder re no entrance charge for monthly meetings

### **AOB**

Jill informed that there had been a medical incident at a group meeting which had caused some concern. Consequently she requested that first aid training should be considered. She has made some initial enquiries with 2 organisations but their fees are considerable. John suggested contacting Devon Doctors for their details.

### **Date/Time of next meeting**

Wednesday 04 February 2026 9.30am OHSCC