

Wolverhampton u3a

Minutes of u3a Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2026 (Issue 2)

Mo Johnson was in the chair. 50 members attended the AGM

1 Welcome and Apologies. The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 2.10pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies were received from 0 members

2 Introduction of Committee Members. The chair invited each committee member to introduce themselves.

3 Minutes of the 2025 AGM. The minutes of the 2025 AGM were voted on, seconded and accepted as a true record.

4 Matters Arising. None

5 Reports of Officers for 2025/2026

5a Vice Chair (Mo Johnson)

Mo began by stating that the biggest event this year had been the move to Woodfield Social & Sports Club and that despite a few teething problems, feedback so far had on the whole been positive.

She informed everyone that Wolverhampton u3a is doing well with an increasing membership and stressed the importance of having a full committee for us to continue. Mo reminded everyone that she and Mike Clack, as joint Vice Chairs, had worked together very successfully but went on to explain that head office has advised that we can no longer continue without a Chair which is why in the absence of anyone coming forward for this role, she has nominated herself for election of Chair, however, at the AGM next year it will be essential to nominate a new Chair. She stated that Officers hold their position for 3 years then have to step down. She reported, with the greatest regret, that Mike Clack would be resigning and thanked him for his immense contribution, hard work and support. She announced that Mary Warwicker would be stepping down as Secretary having held the position for 3 years. Carol Chappel, responsible for producing the newsletter jointly with Mike Clack has sadly left the committee along with Mike Johans who was the Groups Co-ordinator. Mo gave thanks to Yvonne Rickard for her hard work as Treasurer dealing with the many banking changes, requiring her to research all the different options to suit our needs. She thanked every committee member for their contribution and support, Group Co-ordinators for their valuable and essential work, Geoff Williams for our computer needs and circulating information to the membership and Jill Pugh for organising refreshments. Mo urged everyone present to let any committee member know if they would be interested in joining the committee. She concluded by saying that she felt hopeful and positive that members would come forward to help and enable Wolverhampton u3a to continue.

5b Treasurer (Yvonne Rickard)

The membership were given copies of the Income & Expenditure Summary for the year ending March 2026 and Yvonne talked through some of the main points. The opening balance was £6,807.73. Overall income £6,752. Expenditure £5,815.66. The closing balance was £7,744.07. Yvonne stated that 'Other expenditure' included Kingswood, Chillington, computer refurb and purchase of sound equipment, teapots and print cartridges. Yvonne said that we now have a charity account with Lloyds, she still manages the cash situation and that any money she keeps at her house is still covered by u3a insurance. Yvonne explained that she is willing to remain as treasurer as no one came forward for the role. The Treasurer's Income & Expenditure Summary was agreed.

5c Vice Chair (Mike Clack)

Mike reported that the membership has increased to 317. Facebook users have increased to 122 and he invited groups to post regularly.

He informed everyone that income revenue growth met the threshold requiring us to become a registered charity and that a successful application was secured by the end of 2025. As a charity we can now invite members to grant Gift Aid on subs.

He announced that with a buoyant bank balance and potential extra income from Gift Aid, monthly meetings will now be free of charge.

He gave special thanks to Carol Chapple for invaluable help with written communications and Mary Warwicker, as secretary, for maintaining records.

6 Inviting adoption of Constitution. Adoption of remaining a charity was voted on and agreed.

7 Confirmation/Election of Committee Members

7a Officers

Nominations for the posts of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were received.

Following a vote, these officers were elected:-

Chair: Mo Johnson
Vice Chair: Mike Blackshaw
Secretary: Janet Lea
Treasurer: Yvonne Rickard

7b Committee Members

Nominations for committee members were received. Following a vote these members were elected unopposed:-

Jean Brookbanks, Michael Clement, John Sheard, Margaret Taylor, Mary Warwicker

8 AOB/Open Forum

8a Mercedes Fonfria suggested that the money raised from Gift Aid and increase of membership should be celebrated by spending it on an event or in some way to benefit Wolverhampton u3a. Mike Clack explained that monthly meetings will now be free of charge and money will be available to support groups. (See 5c)

8b David Tordoff wished to point out that people donating to Gift Aid can claim relief on their tax returns.

9 Confirmation of next AGM: Tuesday 30th March 2027 at 2pm

The Vice Chair closed the AGM at 3.30pm

