

Keyworth & District u3a

Minutes of the Seventeenth AGM Meeting

Held on Tuesday April 28th 2026 at KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH at 14.15hrs

Present : Harrie Cooke (Chairman), Sam Boote (Treasurer) with 99 members present.

1. Apologies for Absence : Received from 10 members

2. Minutes of the May 27th 2025 AGM - as draft published on website. *Approved unanimously* as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising : None

4. Chairman's Report:

Harrie Cooke reported our u3a as continuing to be in good health. He expressed thanks to the committee, to group leaders and helpers, to all who help in all the various ways at Monthly Meetings, and to all the members for their support and participation.

Our membership continues to be around 500, including some 30 as associate members who also belong to other local area u3a's. Activities during the year have included two Coffee Mornings, again a 'Pimms in the Park', a stand at the Keyworth Show, and the Christmas Social – all well supported. The Interest Groups have continued to be very active during the year, with three new groups having recently started up (two Italian and an additional Book Group). We continue to play our part in community activities, with regular items in the Keyworth News.

He concluded by making particular mention of Kath Oakley who retired from the committee during the year.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts:

The Accounts for the 2025 accounting year had been circulated to members via the Monthly Newsletter and had been examined by Eric Smith, our Examiner of Accounts. Sam Boote noted that income and expenditure had been substantially in balance, and in summary stated the financial position as continuing to be healthy, which had enabled some equipment items support for group activities. He noted however that some future uncertainties will need to be closely monitored. He thanked those particularly involved in the financial matters, Stuart Bailey (Membership), Peter Edge, Elaine Totty, David Pitfield, Jacqui Campbell (bank signatories), Eric Smith (for Examining), the Committee and Group Leaders. Our income is helped by Gift Aid, and by some members having registered with the Riviera Travel affinity scheme generating significant opportune donations from this.

Adoption of Accounts

– Proposed by Debbie Boote, Seconded by David Pitfield. - Passed unanimously

Subscription Rate for 2027: The Treasurer and committee had considered projections for next year and recommend the full-year subscription rate to remain at £15.00 for 2027, with the Associate Fee as £11.00, and the half-year subscription at £7.50. The forward financial climate uncertainties will be kept under review. The Treasurer warned of the possible need to raise subscription rates with effect from 1 March 2028, because of continually rising overheads. A member from the floor commented that the subscription is of excellent value.

Approval of Subscription Rate :

-Proposed by Linda Bailey, Seconded by Sylvia Bell. - Passed unanimously.

6. Appointment of the Examiner of Accounts :

The Treasurer and Committee recommend reappointment of Eric Smith.

. – *Proposed by Lindsay Adams, Seconded by Jacqui Campbell - Agreed unanimously*

7. Consideration of any Resolutions Received:

None received

8. Election of Honorary Officers and Committee Members :

Officers

Chairman	Harrie Cooke
Secretary	David Pitfield (who will also cover as Deputy Chairman when necessary)
Treasurer	Sam Boote

Committee : Robin Wilcockson

Peter Edge

Peter Harding

Debbie Boote

Stuart Bailey

Jacqui Campbell

Agreed unanimously

9. Any Other Business:

A member from the floor expressed thanks to the committee, and this was endorsed by the meeting.

The Meeting Closed at 14.30hrs.