

	<p>(v) Christmas social: Feedback from members was very good, a lovely event. Sarah Robinson has offered to provide sausage rolls for any possible xmas 2026 event. Noted mulled wine wasn't missed!</p> <p>(vi) Microphone: Committee agreed to allocate up to £50 to purchase a head mike for the PA system, Sue A to liaise with Mary/John. Noted no longer required as Mary has provided an alternative solution.</p>		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Chairs report: Liz M reported</p> <p>(i) Noted Susan Kelly will stand down at next AGM.</p> <p>(ii) 2026 Committee recruitment, noted Liz has sent out 3 letters (via email) to members seeking new committee members. Whilst now have volunteers for most officer posts the Secretary post has yet to attract a volunteer. This was felt by most of committee to be an issue that needs to be addressed prior to/at the AGM and may need to put in place the processes to wind up Blackbourne u3a. Liz to seek guidance from u3a Trust.</p> <p>(iii) Review of policies – Liz has undertaken a full review of all policies and reports that all are now up to date, Liz will liaise with Anne to upload updated policies to web site.</p> <p>(iv) Review of web site pages – Liz has undertaken a review and reports all are satisfactory.</p>	<p>Liz M</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Treasurer's report: Brenda presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account - £3882.35. • Cash in hand £44.42. • Savings account - £4,266.06, interest rate currently 1.0%. • Brenda proposed "The accounts will be changed to an income and expenditure system (without accruals)", Liz M seconded, unanimously agreed. • The visit group bank account has circa £300. It was agreed the account to be retained for use by the next visits organiser. It was noted that the account signatories will be updated and shall 		

	<p>include a main committee member, this is in accordance with u3a Trust guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final accounts will be presented to the AGM, Brenda will note in the Treasurer's report that subscriptions will not increase for 2026/27. 		
5.	<p>Membership Secretary's report: Chris reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership now stands at 553. New members added as follows: Nov – 2, Dec -0, Jan – 2 so far. Chris has updated the membership application form and will liaise with Anne to place on web site. 	Chris	ASAP
6.	<p>Interest groups: Liz M noted on Geri's behalf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessments for some groups remain outstanding. 		
7.	<p>Beacon Management System update: No update.</p>		
8.	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz M thanked the Committee (present and past members) for all their support and hard work during her time as Chair. Committee thanked Liz for her leadership. 		
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: A provisional meeting date was set for the current committee to consider the consequences of a volunteer not coming forward to fill the Secretary post.</p> <p>Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 2.15pm New Green Centre, Thurston.</p>	All to note	
10.	<p>Meeting closed at: 11.13am.</p>		

Signed:Chair

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