

Minutes of the Fifth Culm Valley u3a AGM

held at Willand Village Hall at 2 pm on 4 September 2025

1. Welcome – The Chair John Hayston (JH) welcomed all to the meeting. 96 people attended including 4 visitors and 1 new member.

2. Apologies for absence – were received from Pamela & David Long, Judy & Peter Hall, Andrew Harris, Annie Foot, Jenny Shaw, Cyndy Walker, Linda Filmer-Sankey via email

3. Minutes of last AGM – these had been circulated in advance and were thought to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 5 September 2024.

Mo Kennard Proposed and Sue Greenhough Seconded that the Minutes be accepted. All agreed. The Minutes will be signed by the Business Secretary and added to the cvu3a website.

4. Chair's Report – John Hayston (JB) delivered the Chair's report.

May I say it's been a really great year for CVu3a, membership is up around 260 with 35 plus interest groups and some new ones in the pipeline.

To celebrate CVu3a fifth anniversary a subsidised Christmas meal was organised at Padbrook Hotel, for 100 members, with music from the Cvu3a Ukulele group afterwards, it was a great success.

Can I take this opportunity to thank every member of our u3a for your involvement in the group, without you Cvue3a would not exist. Many thanks must go to the tea ladies who always perform so well, also Richard Taylor who slavishly puts the signs out every monthly meeting, also he runs Pétanque and Jazz groups.

Thanks to Gill Sole for organising the superb speaker programme, epic behind the scenes trips and delightful walkers' group, excellent work and commitment you will agree.

Lorna Knowles for 3 years Business secretary keeping everything shipshape and Bristol fashion.

It is sad to see Alison Waple go too after 3 years as our treasurer, a very tough act to follow.

Also, Marion Luck is stepping down as membership Sec due to the demands of her regional role in the Third age trust who govern the u3a as a national body.

Sue Hooper-Lawrie has done so much for the CVu3a, with art and drawing groups also sessions on Will and Inheritance Planning, Defibrillator use to name but a few. Well done Sue and I wish you well with the 2-day art celebration starting 26th of this month, I will be there taking part.

I hope the new committee members enjoy their roles and wish a fulfilling future to all who are involved with Cvu3a. It's good for you!

5. Treasurers Report and formal adoption of Annual Accounts – Alison Waple (AW) delivered the Treasurer's Report based on the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2025. The year started with £4,777.01 and ended with £2,550.54. This year's results show that, as in prior years, our primary source of income is membership fees and our main costs are the payments to Head Office and the cost of the monthly meetings.

Carol Mitchel Proposed and Gill Sole Seconded that the Accounts for the Year End 31 March 2025 be adopted. All agreed.

6. Q & A - None

7. Election of Officers to Executive Committee – Lorna Knowles (LK) explained that the 2025 election had taken place by a combination of a Ballot with Nomination Forms being available for those with registered email addresses and a Postal Ballot for those without.

The 2 members of the Committee who have not completed 3 years in one specific role on the committee and were not stepping down, namely John Hayston (Chair) and Sue Hooper-Lawrie (Groups Co-Ordinator) were nominated for re-election.

Marian Luck Proposed and Richard Taylor Seconded that the above be re-elected for office. All agreed.

As Lorna Knowles (Business Secretary) was retiring having served three consecutive years in that role on the Committee and a nomination had been received for Paula Rees to fill the role of Business Secretary, she was included on the Ballot Paper. There were no other nominations received.

As Alison Waple (Treasurer) was retiring having served three consecutive years in that role on the Committee, and a nomination had been received for Judy Morris to fill the role of Treasurer, she was included on the Ballot Paper. There were no other nominations received.

As Marian Luck (Membership Secretary) was retiring having served three consecutive years in that role on the Committee, and a nomination had been received for Alison Waple to fill the role of Membership Secretary, she was included on the Ballot Paper. There were no other nominations received.

Nick Sole Proposed and Sue Williams Seconded that Paula Rees, Judy Morris and Alison Waple be appointed to the Committee. All agreed.

8. Results of the Election of Officers - LK thanked Paula Rees, Judy Morris and Alison Waple for agreeing to be nominated for the Officer Roles of Business Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary respectively. A total of 1 emailed ballot was cast and 3 postal ballots received. With the unanimous votes at the meeting LK therefore announced that all 5 nominations were carried.

9. Vote of Thanks Lorna Knowles thanked all who had contributed over the last year and asked Paula Rees, Judy Morris and Alison Waple to come to the front to be introduced.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 2.14 pm

Lorna Knowles Business Secretary