Minutes of the Berwyn and District u3a committee meeting held at Heol Gauad, Cynwyd, LL21 0NE on Tuesday 21st July at 2pm

1. Members present

Karin Capp (Membership Secretary), Rhiannon Jedwell (Treasurer), Clive Ashton (Vice Chair), Hilary Dodd (Chair), Elaine Ford (Publicity Officer),Lionel Bould, Mel Wilks and Betti Collinge

2. Apologies for absence

Jo Price (Secretary)

3. Agree minutes of meeting 8th June 2026

The minutes were agreed.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Berwyn u3a Action Plan 2026-27

5.1 Raise membership by 10%

Karin reported that we've lost some members as well as gaining new ones. On the 1 st of April, we had 54 members. We now have 60.

5.2 Increase number of interest groups by at least 2

In addition to Elaine's recently established Board Games group a new Phone Camera Group has now been established.

5.3 Create a Group Coordinator

Under review

5.4 Increase involvement of non committee members

Two new non committee members have stepped up.

5.5 Review all policies where necessary

Completed

5.6 Induction Programme for new members

Karin to look to book Cooley's in Corwen the second of each month starting 8th September

6. Treasurer's report

There is currently £3708.96 in the bank. Groups to be asked to put in bids for equipment. Clive Asked in the Phone Camera Group could purchase a TV for presentations which could be used by other groups.

7. Membership report

The membership is as noted above (5.1).

8. Groups report

All groups are doing well. Jean Brown to form a group to visit people in need. Helen wants to give up her role organising speakers. Hilary to give Group reports at AGM. The setting up of WhatsApp group was discussed for people living on their own. This would be set up by Jean and would be optional. To be raised at AGM.

9. Publicity, Marketing and Communication report

Elaine explained the difficulties she was experiencing trying to publicise the u3a. Hilary told group that she and Clive would be at the Denbigh Show in August publicising the u3a. Hilary asked Elaine to put a list of our forthcoming events on Llangollen Noticeboard.

10. AGM 17th of August

The proposed format for the AGM was agreed. Clive will lead the group activity session with members of the committee on each of the tables to prompt members.

It was agreed not to hold a raffle but there will be the usual quiz and cakes. Unlike other General Meetings there will not be a charge for the AGM.

10. u3a National and Regional Events and Meetings

Hilary attended the North Wales Network meeting in Llandudno last month. Possible Boules championship with Ruthin u3a. Hilary to distribute details of Zoom meetings.

11. Planned events

None to report

12. Training

Draft Training Policy agreed and adopted.

13. AOB

Karin reported on the bad layout of the current membership form. She and Lionel to revise the form and report back. It was also suggested that Karin looks into the viability of a card reader to enable on the spot payment of membership fees for new members.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is at 2pm on Friday 11th September, Canolfan Ial, Bryneglwys. Elaine to book.