

Huddersfield and District U3A Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 19 January 2026 held at 2.15pm at Aspin House

Present: Christopher Newbery (CHN) (Chair), Joan Connally (JC), Jenny Eaglestone (JE), Janet Forde (JF), Moira Marshall (MM), John May (JM), Sue May (SM), Monica Plested (MP), Mark Robinson (MR), Mike Scholes (MS)

1	Apologies for absence	
	Isabel Foster (IF), Diana Wilson (DW)	
2	Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2025	
	The minutes were agreed as a correct record	
3	Matters arising and Action Points not otherwise on the agenda	
	Committee Membership	
	It was noted that Alison Newbery had stepped down from the committee after the AGM. The committee expressed its thanks for her long service on the committee and in the office.	
	Dementia Training Sessions	
	48 members had expressed an interest in attending a session and IF is in the process of arranging dates.	IF
	Letter of thanks to DRC	
	This had been sent.	
5	Life Members	
	It was agreed that the three long standing members of the committee who had recently stepped down should be given life membership for their outstanding service. These were John Dixon, Alison Newbery and Dallas Cliff. Certificates to be presented at the Tutors' Lunch.	
6	Working Group Progress Report	
	MR reported on the progress to date in making contacts with other U3As and looking at their systems, and looking at how we operate.	
12.	Admin/Office	
12.1	Member number update The total of new and renewing members was 986 with 194 of these being new. This was a small decrease over the previous year.	
12.2	Website JE reported on a problem getting forms from the website and it was agreed to go ahead with new software to fix the problem at an approximate annual cost of £100 plus a setup cost of around £250.	JE
12.3	Spring Newsletter JE reported that the newsletter is under way and should be ready to print around mid-February	JE

	CHN distributed copies of the Special Expenses Claim Form, and requested that members should use it when claiming expenses, for example for one-off purchases. Copies are available from the office.	
14	Reports from Officers	
	No changes were reported on Venues, Equipment, Facebook, Publicity or Transport for Disabled.	
15	AOB	
	Tutors' Lunch MP to co-ordinate on the day. Volunteers from the committee were requested to arrive at 10:30am	MP
	Gilbert and Sullivan Festival at Buxton Opera House This was mooted as a possible trip but it was agreed that there would not be time to publicise it in the Spring Newsletter so it is a possibility for next year.	
	Publication of Minutes An email had been received from a member requesting that AGM minutes be published on the website as subject to approval rather than waiting until the next year when they are approved at the AGM. The committee agreed that this should happen.	JE
	Spring Talks The current organiser, Dallas Cliff, is unable to host all the talks. JF volunteered to collect the money, JM and SM to host the 28 th January talk.	
	Tutors' Membership Payments JF pointed out that not all tutors are aware that they do not need to pay membership unless they attend another class. It was agreed to put a note with the newsletter to clarify.	JF
	The meeting closed at 3:06pm.	
11	Date & Time of Next Meeting:	
	Monday 16 March 2026 at 3pm at Aspin House . Please note the change of time.	