



Members Present:

John Calvin-Thomas

Maurice Turner

Jean Munton

Ingrid Arntzen

Linda Howells

Rob Harry

Wendy McCowen

Richard Norman

Lisa Evans

Lynsey Smith

1. Apologies - none received
2. Minutes of last meeting - agreed
3. Maurice - Finances are good - plenty of money in account. Coffee mornings and Gardening will now go into the central account. Computing will go into an account with Monmouthshire Building Society . Gardening also considering opening an account.

Science and Natural History also thinking of moving to a new account.

Aim is to make groups self sufficient.

Rob said he will stand down as a signiture as he is a trustee.

Maurice and Rob said they will do a return for the Charity Commission as we are unable to have more than £10,000 in the account.

All present were in favour of transferring monies to the Monmouthshire Building Society.

John suggested we pay in advice for hall hire etc to keep funds down.

#### 4. Membership

Lisa informed the meeting that quite a few new members have signed up. There are now 357 current members.

She said that when a member passes away a card is sent to the nearest relative on behalf of all members.

Linda said that most coffee mornings 2-3 new members join. Also on coffee mornings it would be a good idea if people were checked in and out because of fire regulations. Should be aware of any disabled persons and those with a guide dog and allocate a person to escort them where necessary and in case of an emergency.

#### 5. Titanic/ Craft Trips

Spare monies has been placed into the history funds. There was only one no show.

Richard said he will sort out a possible trip to the Welsh Parliament and a Boat Trip.

There is a risk assessment document available for bus trips which can be used by trip leaders.

Rob - A First Aid Kit to be made available to trip leaders. He said he will research price for the kits for the groups.

Discussion about Beacon and how easy it is to use it for keeping a record of those on a bus trip.

Possible future trips discussed.

## 6. Christmas Party

Discussion re the party. - Need to find out how far in advance we are able to get into the Choir Hall. Someone needs to man the door.

More tickets will be printed - max of 150 - so a further 50 required.

Entertainment will be Bingo, quiz with an ice breaker if required. We need to organise a timetable for events. Linsey says she will organise prizes for the Bingo and the quiz.

7. Computer group is struggling. The group needs a new computer. The committee agreed that something should be paid towards it out of U3A funds.

8. U3A cards - Paul informed the group that he has purchased the appropriate printer to print cards and more besides. Agreed that the cost to be refunded out of U3A funds.

9. Open Day - Cindy said that organisation of table not the best and needs to be co-ordinated better in future. Also that the committee should be aware of what is going on in Caldicot - other events and set date to fit in - would get more attending. A Summer open day would also help get more people in.

9. Date of next meeting - agreed - 29 January 2026 11.15am

