



Minutes of Thornbury u3a Committee Meeting held at 14:00 on Friday 14th November 2025 at Christ the King church

1. Present:

Roger Steer, Steve Wells, Pat Light, Pat Wells, Sue Bilson, Rita Goss, Sue James, Martin Farrimond, Helen Mozoro, Loraine Grove, Dan Freeman (observing), Chris Bolton (observing).

2. Apologies for Absence

Peter Rendell

3. Approval of Minutes of last Committee meeting 26th September 2025

These were approved unanimously and have been placed on Dropbox.

4. Actions from the Previous Meeting

The hall has been booked for the next Leaders Lunch

Pat W has looked at the Disciplinary Policy and agreed it is fit for Thornbury u3a without any amendments needed. This completes the review of the policies.

The equipment list has been amended. Steve asked for a projector for the Photography Group. **This was agreed and Steve will order the agreed model.**

The AI group is also looking for a projector but there is a possibility that they may share existing equipment

Sue B will wait till after Ian Gross has agreed the current accounts before checking that he is willing to continue act as Independent Assessor of the u3a Accounts for 2026.

5. General Items

i. New committee members

It was agreed that Loraine will join the committee as an Associate Member. Dan and Chris will attend committee meetings as observers until they are officially elected at the AGM.

There was some discussion about the use of private email addresses within the committee. This will allow “reply all” option (which is not available when emailing

through Beacon). It was agreed that this option can be used by all committee members when sending committee-wide emails,

ii. Draft letter from Ian Gross

It was agreed that a change to the Constitution in respect to the rules on dissolution of the u3a is required. This appears to be over simplified compared the the model version offered by the Third Age Trust (TAT). It was agreed that the suggestion from Ian Gross should be adopted.

“..... suggest that Thornbury U3A should change its current clause on dissolution and replace it with the longer version provided in the TAT model constitution or something if the Committee agrees, this could be put to the members at the AGM for approval before approaching TAT”.

Pat W agreed to draft a resolution to put to the next AGM

It was agreed that the use of the new role of Associate Member of the Committee allows the more flexible terms of office for committee members, including the Chair.

iii. Succession Planning

No current issues

iv. Process for reporting deceased member

Pat L's proposed wording was agreed. **Lorraine agreed to take on the role of Welfare officer and Pat L will inform all Group Leaders of the Process**

v. Armstrong project Updates

Rita reported that the Armstrong Complex is to be the recipient of the collection at the Christmas Lights Switch On event

The Armstrong Hall will be renamed the Lansdown Hall – after the very generous donors, the Cosham Hall will retain its name and the whole complex will be called “The Armstrong”

6. Reports

i Treasurer's Report:

The initial changes to the signatories on the Lloyd's bank account have been made.

Helen now holds the third copy (sealed envelope) with the Paypal details

Report accepted and placed on DropBox.

Roger will offer Group leaders the opportunity of requesting new or updated equipment.

ii Membership Report:

The New Members meeting resulted in 8 new members

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

iii Group Co-ordinator Report:

Helen has had several suggestions for future Open Meetings. It was agreed that costs for "professional" of £200-£500 are acceptable. **Helen will consider options and dates.**

Peter reported that he has had some interest in forming a Rummikub Group. **He will follow up and consider locations and times**

iv Beacon Report:

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

v Webmaster Report:

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

vi Equipment Report

The Equipment list (Asset Register) list is available on the website within the Group Leaders Section. It was noted that Groups who wish occasional use of equipment can contact the official holder to request a loan.

vii Health & Safety Report:

Nothing to report

7. AOB

Dan noted the potential for Thornbury u3a to undertake some actions for the official national u3a Week in the future. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

It was suggested that local employers who offer pre-retirement courses could be encouraged to include information about Thornbury u3a (and other local u3as).

Pat Wells Secretary

25th November 2025

Next Meeting 8th January 2026 (confirmed)