Minutes of Thornbury u3a Committee Meeting held at 14:00 on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at Christ the King church

1. Present:

Dan Freeman, Sue Bilton, Rita Goss, Helen Moszoro, Martin Farrimond, Peter Rendell. Sue James, Chris Bolton, Pat Wells

2. Apologies for Absence

Lorraine Grove, Pat Light

3. Approval of Minutes of last Committee meeting 4th May 2026

These were approved unanimously and have been placed on Dropbox.

4. Actions from the Previous Meeting

Covered in agenda Items

5. General Items

i. Publicity. Update – New leaflets, stall at Love Thornbury events.

Dan has requested quotes for leaflets from Horders. We are waiting for them

ii. Tai Chi new group

Two Groups have been established and a waiting list will be created if other members come forward. There have been issues in appointing Group Leaders and it has been agreed that Jackie Gitsham will act for both groups on an interim basis.

iii. Leaders Lunch

This is booked for 25th September. Helen has made arrangements with Butties, and the desert caterer: the Catering Group will cover tea/coffee and Wine Group 3 will cover drinks. Helen will send invitations to Group Leaders.

iv. Thornbury u3a 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2027

Helen reported that we can book the Chantry Garden and downstairs of the main building (to allow for rain or heat waves). The cost will be in the order of £50 per hour. A subgroup will be set up to organise the event. Likely activities include:

- Group presentations/demonstrations,
- Music (including u3a music groups and possibly other msic groups/bands)
- Food/drink offering (by presold tickets)

v. Ian Gross discussions on constitution change

Dan has agreed a meeting with Ian. Peter, Pat W and Sue B will attend on 7th July. Dan offered to host the meeting.

vi. Checklists

This is work in progress. Pat W will revisit the current versions

vii. Screening of: 'National Emergency Briefing

This is booked for 5th October at St Mary's Church. The showing will be led by Matthew Gitsham. Helen will liaise

6 Reports

i. Treasurer's Report:

Sue B reported that there are still issues in relation to identification of the amount of Gift Aid declarations on Joint memberships. She will work with Martin to investigate methods to identify where there may only entitlement for one of the two joint members.

Report accepted and placed on DropBox.

6. Membership Report:

Dan agreed to send an email to all members to invite them to the next Coffee Morning in Thornbury

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

ii. Group Co-ordinator Report:

Items discussed earlier in the meeting

iii. Beacon Report:

Martin is working with Peter to simplify update coordination between Beacon and the website

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

iv. Webmaster Report:

Report accepted and placed on Dropbox.

v. Equipment Report

No further information

vi. Health & Safety Report:

Nothing to report

vii. Armstrong update

The Cosham Hall is now open with several events having been run successfully.

Fundraising for the remainder of work on the site

AOB

U3a has sponsored a planter on the High Street. Sue J is looking at arrangements to label it

Pat Wells

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Next Meeting 3rd September 2026

NB Further committee meetings will be planned for the first Thursday of alternate months unless other issues intervene