Minutes of Thornbury u3a Committee Meeting held at 14:00 on Friday 8th January 2026 at Christ the King church

1. Present:

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Peter Rendell, Martin Farrimond

3. Approval of Minutes of last Committee meeting 14th November 2025

These were approved unanimously and have been placed on Dropbox.

4. Actions from the Previous Meeting

All Actions completed

5. General Items

i. AGM Issues

Roger will collate the documents to be sent out to members

The treasurer's report was agreed (see section 6). The committee members will be seated at the front of the church so that members can see who they are. Pat to provide "Reserved" notice

ii. Proposed constitution change

The change suggested by Ian Gross was unanimously agreed. Pat will circulate it to the committee and it will also be included in the AGM papers sent out by Roger. Pat will, if required, introduce it at the AGM

iii. Armstrong project Updates

Rita reported that the Cosham Hall is due to be open in April, though there are still some issues on the electrics. It will be fully volunteer managed and

they are seeking at least 100 volunteers. There will be an open day in March to recruit for the wide range of roles. Bookings are already being taken. Room costs are likely to be higher than other local venues but facilities may be better.

6. Reports

i Treasurer's Report:

The Annual Financial report (for the AGM and the Charities Commission) has been agreed by the Independent Examiner (Ian Gross)

Sue suggested that members at the Welcome meeting should be reminded that we receive a commission when members using Riviera Travel if they say they are members of Thornbury u3a (and this helps to keep our membership fee low)

Sue also suggested that members shold be informed that – due to changes in the banks charges - the preferred payment methods for membership fees are: PayPal, Bank Transfer and Cheques in that order.

This will be mentioned at New Members meetings

Report accepted and placed on DropBox.

ii Membership Report:

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

iii Group Co-ordinator Report:

The next Open meeting on January26th is confirmed. Roger agreed to transport the speaker from and to the local station (Yate or Parkway)

Helen suggested a London coach trip for April. This would provide transport to and from central London with members responsible for their own organization during the day. Helen will make transport bookings. Roger will mention it in his AGM report

There is potential for several new Groups (Spanish, Poetry 2, and Tai Chi), but no leaders have been identified, Dan will make enquiries about Tia Chi options

iv Beacon Report:

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

v Webmaster Report:

Report accepted and placed on DropBox

vi Equipment Report

A portable hearing loop has been requested by Investment Group. They will be asked to arrange demonstrations of options before a decision can be made. Roger will also request for feedback from the u3a Chairs Forum on the use of such equipment

vii Health & Safety Report:

Nothing to report

7. AOB

Meg Adnam informed us that the Oldbury History Group is folding. Roger will invite their members to the next Coffee morning and New Members meetings, and will also suggest that the u3a History Group to exhibit at these meetings

Helen will coordinate gifts for retiring committee members.

Sue B will do the same for Ian Gross.

Pat Wells Secretary

10th January 2026

Next Meeting 5th March 2026

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