

**Minutes of the Twenty Eighth Annual General Meeting held on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Assembly Rooms, Clitheroe**

**u3a Clitheroe Officers:** Maureen Pickup (Chair), Jacquie Melia (Vice Chair), Christine Snape (Treasurer), Julie Whitehead (Business Secretary)

**Committee Members:** David Grimes, Roy Gonsalves, Denise Hayton, Jeremy Lambert, Su Penson, Robin Taylor, Ann Ward.

1. **Apologies:** Jacquie Melia, Elaine Bonn, Anita Kellington, Barbara Milne-Redhead, Winifred Satterthwaite.
2. The Chair confirmed the **appointment of two tellers** for the meeting: Paul Fisher and John Wilson.
3. **Minutes of the 27th AGM** had been circulated prior to the meeting (Copy in folder and available on the website). The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Proposer: Jenny Grimes, Seconder: Teri Fisk.

**4. The Chair gave her report,**

Maureen reported on the following main issues. A copy of the full report can be found in the AGM Folder and on the website.

**Valuing Volunteers.** Maureen reported that we have 446 members and thanked all those involved in running our u3a. In particular, thanks were given to the five committee members who are stepping down at this AGM; David Grimes (Membership Secretary); Roy Gonsalves (Speaker Secretary); Jeremy Lambert (committee member); Robin Taylor (Newsflash Editor) and Julie Whitehead (Secretary). John Wilson had volunteered to take over as Speaker Secretary and Ruth Mason and Lesley Charnley share the role of Membership Secretary once the Simple Management system is operational. Three members (Ruth Mason, Jenny Bank and Jenny Pek) had also agreed to be co-opted to the committee.

***Safety and security.***

- Following a review of our meeting venue it was decided to move our General meeting to a new location at the Assembly Rooms, Clitheroe.
- A new management system is being introduced which will facilitate the smooth running of our u3a and keep members' data more secure.

**Members Engagement.** Reference was made to the wide range of interest groups and other events which have taken place across the year.

**Communication and Publicity.** Posters, leaflets and local events have all helped in increasing our numbers.

### **The Future.**

Maureen outlined what she thought the main aims for our u3a in the year ahead should be:

1. Implementing the Simple Membership System in a way which best suits our needs
2. Improving the welcome experience for new members
3. Encouraging the formation of more Interest Groups
4. Considering how best to promote our u3a
5. Most importantly – improving the interaction between the committee and the members, to find out what members want; to encourage members to share their ideas or suggest ways we can improve what we do and to encourage each and every one of us to get involved - one way or another - in running our u3a.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

- The accounts for January to December 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Charity Commission and agreed by the committee.
- Details of income and expenditure have been sent out in the March Newsflash and can be found on the U3A Clitheroe website. The bank balance at the end of the year was £10,568.90.
- The meeting **approved acceptance of the examined accounts** (Proposer: Jenny Grimes, Seconder: Lesley Charnley).

## **6. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Christine proposed appointment of Anthony Graham-Gornal, Treasurer of Longridge U3A, as **Independent Examiner of accounts** for 2026-2027

The meeting **agreed to the appointment of Anthony Graham-Gornal.**

## 7. **Groups Co-ordinator's Report**

Denise Hayton presented her report, a full copy of which is available on the Website and in the AGM folder.

The wide range of groups available (run by members for members) was acknowledged including two new groups "Trekking into the Past" and a "Bus Pass" group. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in running the groups and short courses on offer.

A number of other events throughout the year were referred to including the Groups Fair, Interactive sessions, Special Events and other member involvement events enabling members to mix more widely than within their Interest groups.

## 8. **Election of Officers to the Committee 2026-2027**

Nominations have been received for:

Jenny Rees as **Secretary**: Proposed: Robert Rees, Seconded: Su Penson

There being no other nominees, the Chair was pleased to confirm Janet Rees as the newly elected secretary to the committee as published with the agenda.

## 9. **Resolutions**

No resolutions were presented

### **Date of the next AGM**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Chair's signature .....







