

SULLY U3A COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 13th, 2025, 10:30 AM

Old School Sully

Present: Paul Lister, John Williams, Gill Mathias. Sue Hawkings, Joyce Stent,,
Di Lister. Maggie Grayson,

| Item | | Discussion | Action |
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| 1 | Apologies | DB; NJ | |
| 2 | Minutes of previous meeting. | AGREED | |
| 3 | Treasurer report | Accepted. JW gave reminder that bank charges for the group account came into force on this day. | JW |
| 4 | Membership | Currently 415 paid members, maybe another 5 or 6 to come. Beacon almost finished and expected live on 3 rd //4 th January 2026. Annual cost to group is £1per member. MG reminded us that there will be no more physical membership cards except for those with no email account. Membership numbers remain the same. MG has been happy with the support supplied by Beacon IT support. | MG |
| 5 | Speaker disclaimer. | A large amount of time was spent discussing the use of legal disclaimer documents. Based on information received from other U3a groups, SWN, Police Data Protection Department, it was decided that Sue's booking procedure is adequate within our organisation. On this information the members present agreed and were all in favour of trying to continue with the newspaper report even if as a shortened version. In the interests of transparency, the speaker will be given the opportunity to view the completed report before it is passed to the press, this would include a deadline request for return which will be followed up if necessary. There was a short discussion on using AI when preparing reports as something that may be worth exploring in the future. There was also discussion about the use of Facebook for promoting our U3a group, again for future discussion. | All |
| 6 | Christmas event | After a lengthy discussion arrangements were changed from minutes of 9 th October. Soft drinks, white wine option; a mixture of savoury and sweet snacks ,being mindful of waste. Joyce will organise raffle and put tickets at each place setting; chocolate santas as quiz prize. Three songs by u3a singing group; GM is responsible for finite details and she has a team of volunteers to help set up room. Some disposable tableware is to be used up. PL will dispose of this at Recycling point in Barry. | GM ALL |

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| 7 | Gift Aid | JS informed us that HMRC are to investigate the use of Gift Aid within Charity Organisations. JW will look at which part of membership fees we use to claim Gift Aid. | JW |
| 8 | Postponed to next meeting | Due to lack of time it was agreed that the following will be postponed to the meeting on 8 th December. Promotion poster; Open Day feedback; Problems regarding Activity Group waiting lists; S.W.N. | |
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| 13 | Date of next meeting | Meeting closed 12.25pm. Next meeting 11 th December 2025 @ 10.30 in Old School Sully. | |