

Christchurch u3a Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday 18 November 2025
Somerford ARC, Christchurch

Present: Rosemary McCulloch (RMcC), Sue Fillery (SF), Kathleen Smith (KS), Paul Heighes (PH), Eileen Lancaster (EL), Sue Crosoer (SC), Paula Watton (PW), Jackie Sherman (JS), Elaine Trayler (ET)

Apologies: Ian Peterkin (IP)

Minutes of meeting 21 October 2025 were approved. Proposed RMcM seconded by SC	
Matters Arising	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SC had agreed with John Fletcher that the Music Showcase will be held at The Runway on 12 December. The Runway fee will be funded by u3a, any extra costs will be covered by the Music Showcase group. Tickets will not be sold on this occasion. Funding for future Music Showcase concerts will be considered depending on the success of this concert. 2. It was decided to discuss the mail chimp issues under A.O.B 	
Review of AGM 2025	SF
The AGM had gone well. RMcC will consider a different format for next year's AGM. SF will email the AGM report to committee members before the January committee meeting.	
Chair's Report	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RMcC proposed a change to the Monthly Meetings with the meetings starting with refreshments served for half an hour before the Speaker commences. At least 3 people will be at the entrance to welcome members, with no charge for non u3a members. It is hoped that the change will provide a more friendly format. Jennet Lambert, the organiser of the Monthly Meetings is happy with the proposed changes. It was agreed that the change should go ahead starting with the December meeting. An email will be sent to all members. 2. The British Red Cross have offered to provide free First Aid Workshops to all members. It was agreed SF will send a mail chimp to all members to see if there is any interest. 	Agreed SF
Treasurer's Report	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ukulele Group have purchased their own PA system but require £80 funding for a drum kit. It was agreed to fund the drum kit. £80 will constitute 3 term's £30 expenses 	Agreed

<p>allowance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PH is concentrating on providing the monthly accounts and investment of the CCLA funds. PH will discuss investment proposals at the next committee meeting. KS is working on a breakdown of venue costs. Following the concerns raised by the Auditor's report regarding cash used by social groups procedures are being implemented to ensure all money handling is recorded. The Theatre group has been provided with a debit card. Other groups will be issued with debit cards in the near future. 	<p>PH</p>
<p>A.O.B.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RmcC welcomed Gillian Walker as New Members Contact to the committee. RMcC said Heather Dempsey has offered to provide support to the committee where required. It was agreed that she would be an ideal welcomer for the Monthly Meetings. The Epicentre will provide mince pies and mulled wine to all visitors on Monday 22 December between 10-12. This will be advertised in Active News and in the Out of Hours schedule. Following the decision to look at mail chimp systems it was suggested that the Beacon system, used by many u3as, provides a mailchimp service. It was agreed that the Beacon system should be reconsidered, and a presentation of the system should be given at the next meeting. EL will send the committee a link to the notes on the Beacon system which are on the website. In the meantime, it was agreed to upgrade the existing mail chimp system to enable 3 users to send mail chimps. The mail chimp users will be EL, JS and SF 	<p>RMcC</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting 20 January 2026 at 14.00 at Somerford ARC, 20 Southey Road, Christchurch BH23 3EH</p>	<p>Agreed EL</p>