

**April Committee Meeting Minutes
Corran Halls, 1 April 2025**

<p>Present: Penny Earle, Chair; Graham Cameron, Vice Chair; Richard Bosworth, Treasurer; Neil Sutherland, Membership Secretary; Joy Sullivan, Groups Coordinator; Rosemary Young, Speakers; David Hughes</p>	ACTION
<p>Apologies: Sue Pollard, Vice Chair</p>	
<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March minutes were approved with no amendments. 	
<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Committee recruitment/volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/v: Bob Batty would no longer help speakers to set up a/v. As the use of the ceiling mounted projector had been arranged with Corran Halls, it was agreed that this is the easiest equipment for speakers to set up themselves or with help from a volunteer. Phil Hamerton is willing to look after a/v occasionally but is often away in Spring/Summer. David will observe today in preparation for his talk in June. Graham volunteered to look after a/v and will bring a laptop if necessary. The cost of £135 for 9 sessions, i.e. a year, was approved. • Newsletter: Ray Leakey will do May's newsletter. David Alcock (Associate Member with newsletter experience) to take over for June's. Intending to move to Oban. A committee liaison person would be needed if David does not join the committee. • Portal: has reverted to Penny. Secretary role still blank except for email, also being handled by Penny and minutes by Joy. • Business Secretary: still needed. Committee needs to continue to recruit. • Brand Centre: Sue and Graham are now listed as contacts on the portal. 	<p style="text-align: center;">David Graham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To note</p>
<p>Publicity leaflet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a number still need to be distributed. Dalmally surgeries still not covered. Neil to do Benderloch area, Connel surgery. • Committee to continue to update spreadsheet re leaflet 	Neil

<p>distribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters to be put up and leaflets to be left at Corran Halls. <p>Social cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham has had informal discussion with Atlantis about u3a membership being recommended as an option (Healthy Options). Further liaison on this could be carried out. <p>Changes to Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard and Graham have read through. All other committee members to do this and send comments, if they have them, by Friday 25 April to Penny. • Membership criteria have changed - on the leaflet the phrase 'retired from f/t work' has been removed. Other categories have been included as per previous discussion. Penny will send our Constitution to the Trust for approval after the May meeting. <p>Standing Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penny will circulate draft before the May meeting. Will need updating. <p>Badge Trays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in membership has resulted in the badge tray being too small. Graham will find another way of storing badges and was encouraged to claim expenses for his work on the case which had proved inadequate. 	<p>ALL Joy</p> <p>Graham</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Penny</p> <p>Penny</p> <p>Graham</p>
<p>Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ukulele: Joy has met with Helen (new Group Convenor [GC]) who has had a look at Beacon and will try it herself and ask for more support if necessary. She also has GC Guidance doc. • Pickleball: Joy reported on Chris Adie & the other GCs' second round of consultation with the group re. restructuring into Recreational and Competitive groups. The committee supported this decision unanimously, by vote, as within the aims and spirit of u3a. Joy to report back to Chris. The group continues to expand rapidly, which means there's an ongoing need for training, as well as opportunities for both recreational and competitive players. 	<p>Joy</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gardens and Wildflowers: Dot seeking a replacement GC. ● Reading Group 4: Membership has increased to 8. ● Yoga: no further action on this following last Committee meeting discussion. 	
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership up to 171 incl. 1 Associate Member. <p>Since last report on 1 March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● new members: 4; Resignations 0; Deceased 0 ● We expect a completed membership form from David Alcock. He is entitled to Associate M/ship as a member of Congleton & District u3a. Not included in the nos. above ● Welcome pack & Group Membership form discussed. Do we use the form again or ask new members to join groups through the Beacon portal (with help if necessary)? Neil to design a Welcome Pack as the Brand Centre text is out of date and it is over long. ● The membership form needs ‘Where did you hear about us?’ added to give data on how successful leaflets etc. are in recruitment. 	<p>All</p> <p>Neil</p> <p>Graham</p>
<p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pickleball may be over-charging. Numbers are likely to settle so no large changes necessary. It was suggested that some ad hoc free sessions could be offered to members, paid for by the excess. Joy would pass the suggestion to Chris. 	<p>RB</p> <p>Joy</p>
<p>Storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Corran Halls can’t store equipment for us. Equipment (portable banner, leaflets, notice board pins bunting etc.) needs bringing each month. Sue has volunteered but can’t be expected to bring heavy equipment if travelling by bus. Penny or Sue will take equipment until a Secretary is appointed. A trolley may be needed by the next people in charge of equipment and badges. ● Corran Halls projectors have HDMI cables. Richard is storing the projector and additional cables which are sometimes required for speakers. Graham would check necessary equipment with speakers. 	<p>Penny, Sue</p> <p>Graham</p>
<p>Third Age Trust (TAT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● u3a in Scotland keen to have a jamboree on 29 August in Edinburgh representing u3a activities. We would advertise in 	<p>Penny, Ray,</p>

<p>the newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penny had attended u3a in Scotland spring meeting online. Reported on Wigtownshire u3a's receipt of a grant from TAT to support 3 events in the Wigtown Book Festival. Some discussion followed about what we could apply to have sponsored as part of a local event. Healthy Options was discussed. 	<p>David</p>
<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Argyll groups: Denis McElhinney from Dunoon (in the process of setting up the Cowal u3a group) will join us to observe today. Neil and Joy invited to meet him. • Risk Assessment: on agenda for May. Penny would email committee members to ask those people who did them last year to check the ones for which they're responsible are up to date. 	<p>Neil, Joy</p> <p>Penny ALL</p>
<p>Next Meeting Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 9.15am at the Rockfield Centre.</p>	