



	<p>had attended. The staff at the Royal hotel had been very good and had been thanked for their efforts.</p>	
32/25	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b>  The Treasurer’s reports of January and February had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>There are currently 198 members with one ‘associate member. There is one member who has not yet paid and one membership application pending. There have been no deaths nor any resignations. It was agreed that when the membership reaches 200, it would be appropriate to place an article in the Oban Times. It was believed that at the point that the membership reaches 200, this equates to 1 in 40 of the local population.</p> <p>‘Profitability by interest group is being monitored; and it was noted that the bridge group is no longer in deficit. Richard reported that approximately 10% of the group charges is paid to the u3a; the rest is used for group meetings.</p> <p>It was reported that a volunteer had come forward to possibly take over the Treasurer function once Richard’s term of office expires. This person later withdrew, because of the requirement for ‘technology use’.</p> <p>The Treasurer was asked if he was content that group convenors collected monies in their personal bank accounts prior to paying it over to the u3a. Richard advised that he was happy with this; but that coordinator documentation now needs amendment regarding the handling of cash. The lack of documentation for cash credits was discussed, and it was noted that the issue has now been solved. Individuals paying cash does not seem to be a problem at the moment,</p> <p>The current reported balance of £4,000 is before capitation etc. which will be approximately £1,500. There is the ‘group coordinators’ lunch to be arranged and paid for; meanwhile the Corran Halls has been booked to the end of the calendar year (and paid for).</p> <p><b>Mary joined the meeting</b></p> <p>The security of the availability of the Corran Halls for all bookings during the year was queried, and it was confirmed that at this stage it was not known that there were any date clashes with other urgent meetings.</p>	
33/25	<p><b>Membership Secretary’s Report</b>  The Membership Secretary had stood down and moved away since the last meeting. Currently the applications are being picked up by the Business Secretary and passed to the Interim Chair for action. An update had been contained in the Interim Chair’s report.</p>	

	A draft 'Guide to the Membership Secretary job' had been prepared and had now been edited, as required, by the Interim Chair.	
34/25	<p><b>Group Coordinator's Report</b></p> <p>David had circulated an informative spreadsheet prior to the meeting and advised that he had nothing further to report.</p> <p><u>Astronomy Group</u> The proposed group coordinator has indicated that she would appreciate some support in setting up this new group. She has also proposed possibly writing an astronomy article for the monthly newsletter, giving points of interest in the night sky for the month ahead.</p> <p><u>Pickleball</u> Pickleball remains very popular, and issues previously reported seem to have been sorted out by the coordinators. The Friday group is now 1.5 hours.</p> <p><u>Table tennis</u> There are new members who have recently joined the group which has helped; but more members are needed to support this group.</p> <p><u>French &amp; Spanish Groups</u> The groups are continuing to meet at the Lancaster Hotel, which has yet to close.</p> <p><u>New Groups</u> If there are any interest groups being considered, they are invited to contact David to arrange the setting up of the group. There is believed to be scope for the setting up of a new beginners French Group and this is being considered.</p> <p>The possibility of a coffee morning for new members (approximately 20 people) was raised. It was agreed that this might be arranged by David H and Mary; most suitably for a Tuesday morning, and after discussion 10 March was agreed. The purpose of the coffee morning is to find out how things are going, whether the new members can identify new interest groups that might be set up, and possibly identify the potential coordinators.; the Committee members who are available are also to be invited to attend this event.</p> <p>Group Convenors/Coordinators annual 'thank you' lunch is to be arranged. Mary and David H to take forward. The Business Secretary to circulate the Committee (by email) the list of potential additional attendees identified at an earlier meeting.</p>	<p>David H Mary</p> <p>All</p> <p>Mary David H Julia</p>
35/25	<p><b>Speakers update</b></p> <p>Mary spoke to the meeting and advised that a new speaker had been identified to talk about taking part in the Whitbread Cup.</p>	

36/25	<p><b>Dropbox</b></p> <p>The Interim Chair reported that ‘warnings’ had been coming up from Drobox indicating that there were potential space issues relating to the contents of the u3a Dropbox site/pages. David A indicated that the way of storing photos used in the newsletter has now been changed and may free up some space.</p> <p>It was noted that the Dropbox is the only archive for the historic information/documentation relating to Oban u3a.</p>	
37/25	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>David A would ask those convenors who often don’t provide copy to give him a “holding” article. He also spoke about the possibility of setting up a recorder group, possibly outwith the u3a. It was recalled that a previous recorder group had folded. David A spoke regarding the possibility of ‘advertising’ for members to join new groups in the monthly newsletter.</p>	David A
38/25	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>9.15, 3 March 2026, Corran Halls.</p> <p>Apologies for this meeting were offered in advance by Richard.</p>	

**The business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10.20**