

## **Isle of Bute u3a**

### **Minutes of 2026 Annual General Meeting**

held at 2pm on Friday 12 June 2026 at Bute Baptist Church, 7 King Street, Rothesay, PA20 0DD.

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

There were 10 apologies and 11 members in attendance.

#### **2. Minutes of the AGM of 13 June 2025**

These minutes had been circulated in advance and were briefly summarised by the Treasurer. There were no amendments proposed and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

#### **3. Financial Report**

The accounts as signed off by the Treasurer and by the independent scrutineer had been circulated in advance. It was noted that we had made a profit of £132.94 in the year and a year end balance of £933.90. Details were given on the main items of expenditure. These accounts will now be posted on the u3a website.

The Treasurer stated that the current bank balance was £877.15 with all outstanding bills paid. 29 of our members from last year had paid their membership for the current year (plus 3 who paid at the meeting, and 2 who paid shortly after). There was a short discussion about what this money was for, and the Treasurer explained we had some fees to pay for our u3a membership – Beacon admin system £1/member, Third Age Trust membership £4/member, website £50/year, u3a in Scotland 10p/member, and library copy of u3a matters magazine £4/year. In view of us moving our monthly meetings to the Anchor Hub in Port Bannatyne (a free to use venue) after the summer break, the Treasurer suggested that existing members should have a “free” year next year, with automatic renewal of their membership on 1 April 2027, as we would most likely have sufficient funds for the following twelve months.

#### **4. Membership of the Committee**

Our current chair, Frank Ledwith, had decided to step down, as he was no longer resident on Bute, although still a member. Linda Crofts had agreed to take on this role. Helen Marshall had agreed to take on the role of Secretary, and Angie Webb had taken on publicity. Kirsten Neilsen Welch and Paul Ashton have offered to join the committee. Therefore the proposed new committee was:

**Chair** Linda Crofts

**Treasurer** Barbara Rimmington

**Secretary** Helen Marshall

**Publicity** Angie Webb

Ordinary members Kirsten Neilsen Welch and Paul Ashton

This was proposed by Barbara Rimmington, seconded by Helen Marshall and agreed unanimously.

#### **5. Publicity**

Angie sent in her report after the meeting, which she had intended to attend:

“I have put us in the Blue Book on Bute Island Radio which is read out in every show. I have had a meeting with BID who put our material in the display in Guildford Square. They are willing to do more and I am now in touch with them on a regular basis.

There has been a problem with me becoming administrator of the Facebook site and the solution may be to create a new one.”

## 6. AOB

There was a general discussion about topics and speakers for our monthly meetings.

Suggestions included:

- a declutter meeting – bring along items that you no longer have a use for to swap, with the leftovers going to Oasis with Helen who volunteers there.
- A plant/produce swap – this could be at the allotments, where several members grow things.
- An update on the Red Squirrel Project – Barbara to ask Malcolm Newdick for a suitable date.
- Peter Tukka to be invited to give us an art history talk.
- Tom Allan to talk about his sculpture.

There was a short discussion about the walking group. The co-ordinator, Marion McCartney, said that all were welcome, and more walk leaders who might prefer to do shorter walks, or walk in the afternoons, would be very welcome. These would be published on the website and circulated via the whats app group.

The sketching group had started visiting art galleries, and all were welcome to join them. They had been to Edinburgh 28-29 April to see a Joan Eardley exhibition at The Modern Art Gallery and visited various other galleries in the city. On 16 June they had planned a trip to the Burrell Collection, Glasgow, and a further trip to the Kelvingrove was planned, but no date fixed. These trips are posted on the website as they are decided (<https://isle-of-bute.u3asite.uk/events/>) as are all meetings etc.

The meeting closed at approx 2.30pm, followed by refreshments.

**Date of next AGM** – Friday 11 June 2027, 2pm at the Anchor Hub, Port Bannatyne.

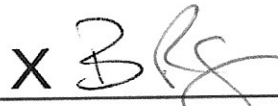
**Date of next monthly meeting** – Friday 11 September 2026, 2pm at the Anchor Hub, Port Bannatyne.


**Isle of Bute u3a****Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2026**

	Year Ended 31/03/2026	Year Ended 31/03/25
<b>Receipts</b>		
Grants		
Membership (10)	£735.00	£750.00
Donations	£78.79	£78.02
u3a magazine (2)	£12.00	£4.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	£825.79	£832.02
<b>Payments</b>		
Accountant	£50.00	£50.00
Bank charges (8)	£12.95	
Beacon admin system (3)	£50.00	£79.00
Postage		
Printing	£12.00	£15.00
Publicity		£71.85
Refreshments		
Room hire (4)	£200.00	£200.00
Speaker fee/gift	£101.50	£34.20
Stationery		
Third Age Trust membership (5)	£200.00	£188.00
u3a in Scotland (6)	£4.40	£4.60
u3a magazine (7)	£12.00	£166.08
Website (9)	£50.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>	£692.85	£808.73
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	£132.94	£23.29

**Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026**

	Year Ended 31/03/26	Year Ended 31/03/25
Opening cash at bank	£803.71	£814.67
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£132.94	£23.29
Less payments presented after 31/03/25		-£34.25
Less petty cash	-£2.75	
<b>Closing cash at bank 31/03/26</b>	£933.90	£803.71

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 Barbara Rimmington  
 Acting Treasurer 25/5/2026

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 Lawrence Renn  
 Independent Examiner 25/5/2026

## **Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026**

### **1. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

### **2. u3a magazine receipts**

Three members have elected to pay for the magazine. We now receive one library copy paid for by our membership, available to borrow at meetings

### **3. Breacon admin system**

We pay £1/member per year.

### **4. Room hire**

Monthly meetings held at Bute Baptist Church, no specific payment requested, but we make a donation of £20/month (10 meetings per year).

### **5. Third Age Trust Membership**

We pay £4/member per year to the national u3a organisation.

### **6. u3a in Scotland**

We paid £0.10p/member this year.

### **7. u3a magazine**

We were invoiced for everyone receiving the magazine in 2023-24.

We reduced the number of magazines gradually in 2024-25, and the u3a changed their magazine distributor.

We received a Credit Note for £44.08 for overpayment for 2024-25.

Our current bill is £12.00 for 2026-27 which is set against this Credit Note.

### **8. Bank Charges**

Bank of Scotland started to charge for Community Bank Accounts from January 2026.

### **9. Website**

We pay an annual licence fee for our Siteworks website.

### **10. Membership**

10 members paid before 31/03/2026 for 2026-27

£150.00 is for the year 2026-27 rather than 2025-26.