

Carlton & Gedling u3a

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th July 2025 at the Richard Herrod Centre

1) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman, Paul Martinez, made his report – see attached. It's acceptance was proposed by Jackie Taylor and seconded by Janet Allen.

2) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025

The proposed new committee is given on the attached document. Special mention was given to other volunteers not on the committee but who are performing essential work – Graeme Bunting (Webmaster), Pat Downing (Meet & Greet) Janet Allen (Speaker Seeker) and Group Convenors. The committee was accepted; proposed by Maggie Martinez and seconded by Rene Battersall.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT 2024-25

Finances were assessed as a surplus of £4,063 during the last financial year, the main expenses being the Third Age Trust membership and magazine as well as the cost of meetings, speakers, newsletters, and Beacon. The Treasurer's report and financial statement is attached. The report's adoption was proposed by Susan Bunting and seconded by Lynne Jaremczenko.

4) SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2026-27

In view of the healthy state of our finances no increase is proposed for 2026-27. Acceptance was proposed by Tracey Lack and seconded by Mike Pointon.

5) APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

This re-appointment of our current incumbent was accepted and proposed by Pam Bartram and seconded by Pamela Ead-Cooper.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Annexes

Report from the Chair

Publicity and Communication

- Our attractive website continues to be an inspiration for other u3as thanks to Graeme Bunting
- Completion of Nottingham Trent University student project on feedback processes and creation of survey to gain member feedback
- Improved Social media presence thanks to our social media team (207 Facebook Page followers and 515 public group members)
- We welcome our new Newsletter team led by Clare Quigley

Committee

- A separate report records Committee members who are standing down at our AGM and proposes members and officers for the next year.

Interest Groups

- 53 interest groups from Art to Wine Tasting and from Table Tennis to Pickleball.
- New Science, Technology and Engineering and Walk Fit to Music interest groups
- Several interest groups have successfully changed their convenor and many are run by small teams
- Huge vote of thanks to all convenors and their teams
- We have received a small grant to purchase audio visual equipment for use by our interest groups.

Monthly General Meetings

- Around 1800 members and visitors have attended our monthly meetings during the year.
- Great programme of monthly speakers thanks to Janet Allen
- Increased access for members who are unable to attend in person by live streaming general meetings via Zoom
- December and June Social events thanks to Gayle Harris

Finance

- Small annual financial surplus. For further information see Finance report

Membership

- 81 new members joined in the year and membership increased to 570 before renewals.
- Streamlined membership renewal process thanks to Maggie Martinez and the membership team

2025/2026 Carlton, Gedling and District u3a Committee to be proposed to AGM

COMMITTEE

Chair	Mark Reynolds
Vice-Chair	Teresa Clark Jackie Taylor, Jenni White
Interest Group Coordinator	Sandra Storey
Business Secretary	Sue Warren
Treasurer	Paul Christie
Deputy Treasurer	John Preston
Membership Secretary	Cheryl Larcombe
Newsletter Editor	Clare Quigley
Minutes Secretary & General Meetings	Gayle Harris

We are developing a team ethos to improve continuity and support for Committee members

Key roles not members of the committee

Webmaster and Beacon Administrator Graeme Bunting

Meet & Greet Pat Downing

Speaker Seeker Janet Allen

Committee Members standing down; Paul Martinez, Maggie Martinez, Bridget Meats, Coleen Bee, Jo Fenton

Carlton & Gedling u3a Treasurer's End of Year Report 2024-2025

- Our finances were assessed by Anton Robinson.
- Running costs this year were at a surplus of £4,063.19
- Main expenditure was Third Age Trust membership and magazine, cost of meetings, speakers, newsletters, and Beacon.
- Membership fees are used solely for Carlton and Gedling u3a running costs.
- We are exploring various payment options to make it easier for members to make payments:

u3a End of Year 2024-25			
Description	Income	Expenditure	
Main Account	£11,738.61	£7,675.42	
Theatre Trips	£13,931.62	£12,629.05	
Trips and Visits	£4,247.51	£4,391.18	
Other Groups	£6,572.90	£6,857.66	
Total Income/Expenses 2024-25	£36,490.64	£31,553.31	
2024-25 Main Account	£4,063.19		
2023-24 Main Account c/fwd	£3,384.76		
2023-24 Cumulative Fund b/fwd	£10,367.23		
Cumulative total balance	£17,815.18		