Minutes of the 282nd Meeting of Settle District u3a Committee

Held on 9 October 2026

Present: Susan Clews (SC), Alie Bird (AB), Sylvia Shepley (SS), Sue Ashwell (SA), Colin Ashwell (CA), Liz Bland (LB), Denise Fenner (DF), Liz Wade (LW), Dion McCreath (DM). Susan welcomed attenders and thanked Sue and Colin for hosting the meeting.

1.Apologies for Absence:

Robert Jackson (RJ), Lis Cribb (LC), Iain Burke (IB), Sarah Lister (SL), Keith Waterson (KW).

2.Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes held of the 4 Sept 2026 were agreed and signed.

3.Matters Arising

No updates available from IB or RJ, other matters arising were cleared.

4.Reports

These were received from:

Chair – no actions

Secretary – we agreed to delay any performance review until after the AGM.

Treasurer – noted the Independent Examiner has not yet signed off the accounts. Current financial situation is buoyant.

Some new groups have not yet banked donations – **Action SS to follow up.**

Group Coordinator – We discussed how to address the lack of receipt of some risk assessments, which are now overdue. **Action – SS to contact GLs** to request a copy and to offer help where this is needed. Committee members agreed to support SS with any follow up meetings with GLs.

Badminton club is lacking members – **Action - SC** to mention in next newsletter.

We discussed the existence of the Coffee Mates group – Action SS to get more information and potentially this can be publicised

Membership Secretary – DF updated on progress with renewals and new members, she will handover the pink membership guidance manual once it has been updated. DF confirmed she would step down at the AGM. SC thanked DF for her contribution to u3a and active committee participation.

New member meeting was held on 8/10, good attendance and feedback, though lack of places in book group raised. Also suggestions for a coffee morning – Coffee Mates might be appropriate. SC thanked committee members for their input. **Action - SS to contact book group leader to check on wait list and any options to expand the group.**

Monthly Programme coordinator – LB updated on a very well attended Oct monthly meeting.

Webmaster - no actions

Beacon - no actions

Safeguarding – SC noted a query from Art Appreciation regarding attendance of members with Covid – nhs guidance was shared with GL who decided to cancel the meeting.

Beacon - no actions

Newsletter and Publicity – Thanks extended to SL for the newsletter and to LW for the publicity for the monthly meeting which had been very effective.

5.Christmas event 17/12

Plans were discussed and it was agreed that:

- Performers would be u3a groups or individuals, agreed in advance. There was less support for an open mike session. **Action – SS to write to GLs to ask for contributions**
- Refreshments were suggested as tea and coffee, wine, and mince pies/crisps. Concern raised over serving hot refreshments.
- Community signing to take place – **Action – SS to approach Kate Holland to ask if S for P would lead this.**
- Raffle to be organised - £1 tickets suggested, with prizes allocated or chosen.
- Plans to be firmed up at November committee meeting

6. AGM

Annual report was approved and nomination papers completed.

7. Any Other Business

- 22/10 – Westnet event attender invited, Skipton 11.30-1.300
- David Holdsworth request for a key for Limestone View – CA reported this had been provided**. Action - CA will check with JP new group leader.**
- Third Age Trust impact survey results – **Action - SC to cover in the next Newsletter.**

8. Date, Time and venue of next meeting

1pm Friday 13 November at the Chase, Bankwell Road.

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12 November – Scams and Fraud monthly meeting

19 November - AGM

4 December – Committee meeting

17 December Christmas social

2027 – dates to be confirmed at next committee meeting