

U3A WEST WALES NETWORK

Minutes

Date: 21st October 2025

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowling Club, Carmarthen, SA31 3BS

1. Apologies and Welcome

a. Attendees

Jackie Brown	Narberth
Paul Cullen	Llanelli
David Grindrod	Carmarthen/Chair
Kay Howells	Narberth
Peter Loughran	Carmarthen/Web Master
Colin Luker	Council
Jan Manning	Pembrokeshire/Treasurer
Carol Matthews	Pembrokeshire
Julia Pearson	Newcastle Emlyn
Ruth Smith	Newcastle Emlyn
Hazel Towle	Newcastle Emlyn
Phillippa Verity Davies	Carmarthen/Secretary
Gwyneth Grindrod	Carmarthen/Observer

b. Apologies

Howard Lillyman	Cardigan
Paul Reynolds	Cefn Sidan

2. Previous Minutes

- a. Previous minutes accepted as accurate

3. Matters arising

- a. **2506.04** Phone numbers have been removed from the website. No email addresses are displayed, and versions of any reports submitted to the meeting will have any such removed before publication on the website.
- b. **2506.05** The Wales network web address was circulated <https://wales.u3asite.uk/>
- c. **2506.06** A revised timetable for the agenda and report submission is in place

4. Officer Reports

a. Chair

- i. There were no comments other than being grateful for the two officers in place in support.

b. Treasurer

- i. A report was issued to those present showing sufficient funds for the current commitments. All Capitation payments have been received.

c. Secretary

- i. Discussion of publication of email addresses on web sites of the network was held. There are none published on the WW Network site. It was agreed that the published versions of branch reports would omit the email addresses.

d. Council Representative

The only addition to report as circulated was about the planned workshops

- i. A constitution workshop on the 29th October and a Facebook workshop on either the 20th or 27th November. Note that as TAT are in the process of reviewing all training, none is currently on offer
- ii. JM questioned if the advice sheets are being revised as they are out of date. CL was not aware of plans but would take that point back.

5. Refreshment Provision

- a. No changes from current arrangements

6. Gift Aid

- a. TAT are still in discussion with HMRC, the advice is to carry on as now.

7. Participation in Community Month at The British Bird of Prey Centre (CL)

- a. Without a specific date and with no other information, this does not seem worthwhile.

8. Branch Reports

- a. Carmarthen recommended the speaker from Swansea
- b. Llanelli got a lottery grant for £6K for travel, a Complex process, some used for the increased cost of annual lunch after issues at the original venue
- c. NE Numbers impacted by timing of renewals. CL organised exhibition for Art, sketchers craft and photography in local hall,
- d. Narberth, down to 5 on the committee and have gone live on beacon. Leaflet being circulated within the town to

increase membership, including on lampposts. The trip to St Fagans was well received for about 15 members

- e. Pembroke: suggested getting leaflets into estate agents to get to incomers. They are arranging regular meetings for group leaders in Chair's home, helping to keep group leaders engaged. Narberth stated that the Band was excellent at a recent event. They have also led the Haverfordwest Carnival, which was really popular this year.

9. AOB (Time Permitting)

- a. **Action:2510.01** The attendees asked the secretary to send everyone's best wishes to Howard for his recovery

10. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

- a. This will be the AGM, which will be held on Tuesday, February 10th and will start a little earlier at 1:15 at the same venue i.e. Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowling Club