

Minutes

Meeting of: **PRESTATYN, RHYL & DISTRICT u3a AGM**

Date: 21 November 2025

Time: 10.30am

Location: Festival Church, Prestatyn

Current Committee Present: Carol Salmon (CS - Chair), Pat Pugh (PP - Scribe), Irene Aldcroft (IA – Treasurer), Laura Trainer (LT), Denise Locke (DL), Nerys Parry (NP), Jennie Jones (JJ), Ian Sherwood (IS), Linda Daltry (LD), Dawn Russell (DR), Anne Harrison (AH), Bettie Hawthorne (BH), Alf Gooder (AG). Sign in sheet for all members.

	Item	Action by
1	Welcome & confirmation of quorum: The Chair, welcomed everyone and reported that we are quorate.	
2	Apologies: Gillian Glass, Jean & Peter Lager, Cheryl Hodder, Myra Hughes.	
3	Minutes of last meeting: Proposed by Kendall Down & seconded by Jennie Jones as accepted.	
4	Presentation of Trustees' Report for 2024/2025: <u>Chair's report</u> Membership passed the 200 mark but has dropped again after membership renewal as is expected. As Chair the role has been a challenge but the Committee have been a great support. The Committee work tirelessly to organise events and provide speakers. Members gave a round of applause to the Committee & Group Leaders for their hard work. Special thanks was given to Dawn Russell, Jennie Jones and Ian Sherwood who, after many years of service, are not standing for re-election, though Ian has agreed to remain as Webmaster. Two members have come forward to stand this year. All nomination forms have been received and are in order.	

In addition we now have members who have formed a "STAR" group and currently some are organising the Christmas social, thanks to Kendall, Tyna, Nigel and Paula for their work on this. If there is anyone else who would be willing to join the STAR group, they would be welcomed. Without these volunteers, the organisation cannot operate.

Looking to next year, Pat Pugh and Irene Aldcroft have given notice that they will not be standing for re-election. The organisation is unable to operate without a Business Secretary and Treasurer so please consider if you could stand for these roles.

In the past twelve months we have seen new groups started and others suspended for various reasons. The Singing for Pleasure group is about to restart, with thanks to Robin and Christine Makepeace for this. The long standing lunch group run by Pam Collins is sadly folding due to a lack of a group leader, though Stella's lunch group will continue. Indoor bowls is thriving and a new Canasta group plus hopefully a Pickleball group and a Sunday Group are about to come on stream.

A reminder was given to members that whilst some groups operate at no cost, others need specific venues to operate and contributions to room hire etc may be necessary.

In the past year there have been open coffee events to raise awareness of the organisation, links have been made with Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council helping to raise our profile. Further links with Flintshire u3a are enabling us to share ideas and there is a plan to have a table at the Flint & Denbigh Show next year. Our craft groups have already met with all members enjoying the time together.

Summer and Christmas socials are popular with members and we are now looking at the possibility of holding a bingo or quiz event or maybe a tea dance in the coming year. Keep your eyes on Facebook and our website for more information.

Finance Report

Thanks to the grant funding by the Wind Farm we currently have a healthy balance of £7,700. However, come next spring our capitation fee is payable plus our Beacon Site Fee and

Siteworks fees which are big hitters at circa £955 (based on last year).

Many thanks to those members who renewed by cash or BACS this time. As has been previously explained the bank charges for each cheque deposited and also for cash deposits whilst there is no charge for BACS receipts.

Our accounts were audited in the spring by Glenys Roberts and she confirmed that all was in order.

The accounts are available by request to the Chair or Treasurer and any queries can be answered by our Treasurer.

Membership Secretary Report

PR&D Membership year runs from the 1st October until the end of September.

Membership fees remained at £17 but for the first time we were able to accept BACS payments – 45 members used this method of payment – ie 25%

This saves money so thank you!

This year we are holding the AGM after the renewal period so we have a better view of the actual number of renewed members since the 4 week grace period during which payments can be made before membership lapses has now passed.

In the report on the 20th September 2024 the membership was 187.

During this membership year we exceeded 200 members, however, during the renewal season 10 resignations were received. Reasons given were – moving away, change in groups, ill health.

174 have renewed and we welcome 4 new members making the current membership 178.

4 lapsed members have advised via group leaders that they will renew late.

Currently 22 members have now lapsed without response.

Speaker Secretary report

Next year most of our speakers are being funded from a grant received from Greencote, North Hoyle Wind Farm. This has allowed the opportunity to book what is hoped to be an interesting programme of speakers including Chester's Town Crier, a dressmaker to our former Queen, Elizabeth 11 and a visit from some exotic pets.

Thanks was given to the committee who set up a working group and worked hard to secure the funds.

Thanks was also given to Kendall Down for his help and support setting up equipment for the speakers at our open meetings.

After the business of the AGM, Kendall gave an entertaining talk.

6 Approval of the examined accounts and appointment of auditor for 2025:

Glenys Roberts has agreed to audit the accounts again at the end of this year and thanks was given to her for this!

7 Election of Officers and Executive Committee members for 2025/2026:

Kendall Down and Martyn Pugh agreed current committee to continue.

New members Robin Makepeace and Sue Larkin have agreed to stand for Committee. Voted onto committee by show of hands.

8 Any Other Business:

No other items were discussed.

The business of the AGM finished at 11am.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____