

Lincoln Bailgate u3a Annual General Meeting, 19th May, 2026

Our Lady of Lincoln Church Hall, Laughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE

Minutes

1. **Welcome** The chair, Angela Pullen, welcomed members and said that with 50 members present, the meeting was quorate.

2. **Apologies** (Committee Only) Ruth Drake

3. **Minutes of 2025 AGM** and Matters Arising.

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were prominently displayed on the website and those with email access had been directed to them via the monthly notices, sent individually to members. Those without email had been provided with paper copies. No matters arising. The minutes were agreed as accurate.

Proposer: *Derek Cottrell*

Seconder: *Gwen Spencer*

4. **Chair's Annual Report : Angela Pullen**

There is much for us in Lincoln Bailgate u3a to celebrate this year, after the many and diverse challenges of the post-Covid era. I would like to start by thanking, on your behalf, our hard working committee, which started at last year's AGM as a small nucleus of 5 members, but grew to 9 by the first committee meeting - a 'job lot', I was told, and we were delighted to welcome Jo, Lesley, Ruth and Joan whose support has been invaluable.

There is now a real vibrancy and buzz at the monthly speaker meetings. I would like to thank Michele, for her sterling work in booking interesting speakers on a range of subjects and dealing effectively with late changes to the programme.

Since last year's AGM we have introduced refreshments after our meetings thanks to two new members, Pearl and Gwen, who willingly volunteered their services, backed up when necessary by a rota of Interest Group members. We have managed to fund these refreshments within the £2 collected at the door.

In August last year we had our first 'Show and Tell' meeting, where members of the 15 Interest Groups mounted displays and discussed aspects of their groups' activities. There was interest in starting some other groups, but sadly, without members willing to facilitate them, they haven't yet materialised. I would like to thank the Group Facilitators who work hard to keep their groups interesting and inclusive.

Thanks are also due to the Vegetarian Cookery group who treated us to home made scones. This lively group has now had a second article published on the National Website, which can be read there or on our website.

At our Christmas social we introduced a new format quiz, with the Interest Groups fielding the questions, which was widely appreciated.

Our annual holiday, based in Bridlington, was an overwhelming success (helped by the unseasonably warm weather) and seats are selling fast for next year's trip to Somerset and Bristol.

We are also now organising at least one annual day trip, courtesy of the Culture Club, with June's outing to Bolsover Castle and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park sold out.

In March we held our first u3a on-line Study Day, on Women's History, which despite a few teething problems, was successful. We hope to enable members to participate in these again this year. With Baz giving one of the 4 talks, and regularly giving zoom talks to u3as around the country, we are very lucky to have him on our committee.

Baz continues to develop our website, which, when compared with others in our region, is impressive. Baz is also on the steering committee of Siteworks, which is the dedicated website platform for u3as.

The Third Age Trust has agreed our new Constitution, and the Beacon database is proving invaluable in keeping your data safe and in enabling us to send messages to the membership, such as the monthly reminder of the speaker meetings, which Gill so reliably sends out.

Our Co-op Champions appeal was successful, and I would like to thank all our members, family and friends who took the trouble to vote for us, and Graem, who masterminded the application and has taken on many tasks above and beyond his treasurer's role.

All the committee lead very busy lives outside the u3a, so I am very grateful for the time and energy they have given to it this year. In particular, Gill volunteered to step in when the positions of Membership and Business secretary became vacant last summer in addition to her role as Groups' Co-ordinator.

Whilst individually the roles are not onerous, there is a commitment required and it would be better to have a greater distribution of responsibilities. We would very much like to enlist more committee members who would be willing to see what is involved without any requirement to commit to a role at this stage. If that could be you, it is not too late to hand in a nomination form!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for coming today to demonstrate your support for and commitment to the continued success of Lincoln Bailgate u3a.

5. Treasurer's Report: Graem Preston

Income: Income is generated from annual subscriptions and monthly entrance fee.

Main outgoings: Main outgoings are the annual Third Age Trust [TAT] fees at £4 per member plus £1 per member for access to the Beacon data base, plus £50 for the SITEWORKS fee (website).

A windfall of £503 from the annual Coop Community Champions initiative was put towards the cost of a new speaker, microphones, a laptop with supporting software and a new projector for use at meetings.

MAIN ACCOUNT 25-26 Income over expenditure: **-£41.79**

BANK	PETTY CASH	BANK
31/03/26		1/04/ 2025
£2,395.07	£26	£2,437.36

HOLIDAY ACCOUNT - Summary

1/04/2025	31/03/2026
£679.086	£830.71

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	Full	Associate
2024-2025	108	3
2025-2026	105	6

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was agreed by the membership.

Proposer: *Sandra Thompson* Seconder: *Wendy Parkinson*

6. Independent Checks

Both accounts were independently checked by Felicity Robertson, who has agreed to perform the independent checks for the final time for the 2026-7 check.

7. Election of Committee Members

The current 9 committee members were all nominated, proposed and seconded, and have agreed to re-stand.

Baz Aveyard, Gill Datta, Jo Dodds, Ruth Drake, Joan Foord, Michele Murphy, Lesley Moumtzis, Graem Preston, Angela Pullen

The motion to accept the nominations was agreed by the membership.

Proposer: *Martin Datta* Seconder: *William Neighbour*

8. Update from Interest Groups Co-ordinator: Gill Datta

- New groups in the last year: Asian Cookery, a second Canasta and Walking Groups and the re-instatement of the Drawing and Painting Group.
- Groups at capacity and where we need to widen the offer to members - History, Walking, Reading
- New Group to launch in June - Walking Football

9. Update from Speaker Finder: Michele Murphy

Michele Murphy thanked the members for their active engagement in speaker meetings and outlined her plans to provide a varied programme of speakers across the next 12 months. She informed members that while many speakers are paid a fee, others talk for free or ask for a contribution to a charity of their choice.

10. Update from Webmaster: Baz Aveyard

Baz Aveyard asked for more interest group reports, with pictures when possible, to keep our website interesting and appealing to present and prospective members. He also asked for a member with IT skills to consider the role, as he would need to stand down before too long.

11. Date of next AGM - Tuesday 18 May 2027

12. Meeting closed: 2.25pm