

**Pocklington & District u3a  
Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 16 December 2020, 10.30 a.m.  
Online meeting via Zoom**

Present: Graham Ball (Chair)  
Ron Tinkler (Secretary)  
David Hebden (Treasurer)  
Chris Mills (Past Chair)  
David Stone (Vice Chair)  
Moira Laverack (Membership Secretary)  
Liz Dearsly  
Paul Giles  
Rosemary Hutchinson  
John Senior  
Rosemary Waugh  
Steve Fraser (President)

1. Introduction/Welcome

GB welcomed members and opened the meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from Elizabeth Walker

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18/11/20 were read, and were accepted as a true record. This was proposed by LD and seconded by JS.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising were raised.

4. Groups.(DS)

Very little change in activity to report – some groups are continuing to meet under varying circumstances, others still suspended. About 27 groups are known to be meeting in some form.

5. Treasurer's Update (DH)

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and raised no questions.

The only outgoing expense imminent would be the TAT membership in the New Year.

6. Membership Secretary's update (ML)

- a) Paid-up membership at present stands at 687
- b) 209 non-renewed members' details have been archived. ML has kept a record of these, as they are not accessible through the system.
- c) The Stripe account registration has been updated for new signatories, though further updating may be needed to deal with online renewals.

- d) The year has shown considerable savings on the magazine issue and on consumable items.
- e) New membership cards
  - a. New members who join from January will, as in previous years get the remaining months of this year (20/21) in addition to membership for the new year (21/22). Current members have been advised that their existing membership card will remain valid for 1 month beyond its expiry date i.e. up until 30/04/21 There was not felt to be great urgency in distributing the new cards, as the Burnby Hall Drop-Ins are unlikely to recommence for some months.
  - b. It was felt that we should continue to issue cards physically, rather than an image to download, as many members like to have a tangible reminder of their membership. If u3a decides nationally to move eventually to use of an app instead, we would be supportive of that approach but recognise alternative arrangements may need to be considered for those members who would not have a mobile device capable of having an app.
  - c. The design of the new card was discussed at length. When moved to a vote, a majority voted to adopt the design circulated by ML featuring the tree artwork.
  - d. The President was thanked for her input and for designing the tree image.

7. Secretary's update (RT)

- a) RT had attended the TAT Extraordinary GM, where the motion to allow future meetings to be held online had been passed by an overwhelming majority
- b) P&D branch potentially would have to hold a similar extraordinary meeting to gain permission to hold the any future AGMs in the same way, as the legislation that allowed the 2020 AGM to take place on-line was due to expire in 2021. RT was asked to monitor the situation and advise as appropriate. Dependent upon the government guidance on indoor meetings as we move into the early part of 2021, it may well be necessary to hold such an EGM with a single resolution ahead of any On Line AGM for 2021.  
The single resolution must allow members the chance to vote online on this issue.
- c) Pocklington Scout Hut has advised that the Hut now has availability every morning except Thursday, and can offer a lockable storage facility for a negotiable minimal charge.
- d) The next communique for members without e-mail was ready to go out and will be distributed before Christmas. There are now only 67 members who receive this, but about half are distributed by ML rather than posted.
- e) Yorkshire and Humber Region had sent a survey, mostly concerned with numbers and statistics about activity and membership during "lockdown", which RT has completed and returned.
- f) Although the change in logo from upper to lower case should be used by all branches from now on, historic entries on the website and handbook etc do not need changing. WDY would need to assist with changing the format for banners and similar. Following discussion it was agreed that all future public

communication should use lower case (despite considerable reservations from many Committee Members). Adjustments possible to our Website that do not require assistance from WDY can be carried out “locally” but there was no pressing timescale for this as it was recognised to be quite a time consuming and detailed job. No activity is required at this stage from WDY

## 8. AOB

### a) Beacon membership

- a. ML reported that the sub-committee for Beacon had met on 1/12, and that there is no contractual commitment with WDY. £1440 had been paid in 2017 for office time. GDPR payments of #500 pa are still under consideration and provision has been made in accounts
- b. Brian Snelson and DS have been in contact with Frank Bailey, the Beacon mentor. To move to the next stage, a Statement of Intent regarding the use of Beacon needs to be completed. Brian Snelson is willing to complete this, but it will not yet be a binding commitment. Brian was to be thanked for his work and efforts with this. RT will continue to be the Committee representative on this initiative.
- c. Proceeding to this stage does not make a financial commitment as yet, but will help P&D get a foot on the ladder when the system upgrades to Beacon 2, which offers advantages. The charge currently would be £1 per member per annum.
- d. There was a unanimous vote in favour of asking Brian to submit the Statement of Intent, which can go forward without referral to the whole membership. ML will ask Brian to proceed and thereafter while ML would continue to chair and lead the sub committee, RT would be the point of contact with Beacon.

### b) Membership Fee for 2021/22

There was considerable discussion about the membership fee and the possibility of offering a rebate for those who have paid for a very reduced schedule of activities in 2020. The annual fee has stood at £10 for the past four years.

The following was decided:

- a. New members or those returning after a year away will pay £10
  - b. Members who paid in full in the year 2020/21 will be given a £2 rebate as a goodwill gesture.
  - c. RT and GB will draft a document explaining this, for early January.
- c) Proposed ‘letter to the Press’ sent out by TAT for consideration.  
The Committee members did not feel comfortable with the content of this letter, and it was decided not to proceed with sending it to the local Press.

There being no further business raised, the meeting closed at 12.10

9. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, at 10.30 a.m. on Zoom