

**Pocklington & District U3A
Minutes of Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 19 November 2024 , 10.00 a.m. at Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane

Present: Les Smith (Chair)
Christina Burn
Simon Eggleston
Pauline Fothergill
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Gerry Hutchinson
Pauline Slater
Margaret Stubbs
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (LS)
 1. Apologies had been received from NB, MM, RK, and JS
 2. Resignation from committee. Jean Kay has resigned for changed personal circumstances, and has been thanked for her work.
2. Approval of Minutes of October meeting
Proposed by MS, seconded DH
3. Matters arising from. Notes of previous meeting (LS)
 1. Beacon (RW) Brian Snelson has been the administrator and guru of our Beacon connection since its inception, but may not want to continue for ever.
It was suggested that we should plan for succession by asking Brian if he would be willing to train someone else in using the system. It was further agreed that NB might be suitable and willing to take on the role. GH volunteered that he has spent some time with Brian on this, and is now au fait with the system. RW will speak to Brian on Thursday to confirm that he is happy to share and/or pass on the role. It was felt that it would be a good idea if the sole responsibility is not in one pair of hands, so NB could be approached as well.
 2. Midwinter Music. So far there are 35 confirmed tickets and 41 performers. RW will send out an email reminder, as apparently many people still think they can just turn up. GLs will also be asked to remind their members.
DH and MS will shop for the refreshments, and all Committee members present will assist with serving and washing up.
4. Chair's report (LS)
 1. December Drop-in. It was agreed that we shall offer the usual festive refreshments – mince pies, fizz and a non-alcoholic alternative. This will be advertised in the December bulletin as a blandishment to invite attendance. Richard Hawkins will be notified in advance, as he will be leading the catering team that day.
 2. Drop-in attendance. This has continued to be disappointing, and has never returned to pre-Covid levels. Various ideas were mooted, such as varying the days, or holding occasional events at different venues. However, as the vast majority of members live in Pocklington (412 out of

711), it was felt that Burnby Hall is still the best venue. We need to attract Group Leaders back, and make the Drop-in an important hub for all.

3. TAT AGM LS had attended this virtual meeting, and had voted as mandated against the new Constitution. This was, however, adopted by a majority vote.
4. ERYC electric bikes initiative. It was felt that an event solely for u3a would not be something we wanted to take responsibility for, but the initiative could be mentioned on the website as of possible interest to members when ERYC organises a local presentation.

5. Group activity (SE)

1. Group Leaders' Meeting. It is unanimously agreed that this is well overdue, and we should arrange for it early in the New Year, as an afternoon event at Burnby Hall. The emphasis will be on it being a social CAMEO event, and GLs will be invited to bring another member of their Group, ideally the deputy leader.
2. Archaeology. The group has moved back into a positive status, with GH as the contact person and the leadership being shared between David Burn and another member.
3. Italian Improvers. The future of the group is still uncertain, though there are continuing enquiries from members wishing to join. LS will contact the retiring GL, Hilary, to find out if there is news.
4. Latin for Beginners. After considerable correspondence over the GLs' membership, Sue has resubscribed and the group is legitimate again. Judith has not yet responded.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. Treasurer's Report The current figures are:

Main Account	£4804
Subs Account	2292
Cash	<u>134</u>
Total	<u>£7230</u>

2. Health and Safety documentation. DH has made a few adaptations to the TAT template to cover all P&D usage. This is still a work in progress. GLs will need to take a register of those present at each meeting. Also, it will be made clear that use of private cars for travel to meetings and/or to offer lifts is not covered by u3a.
3. Bid from Film Group, The Group has asked for a new bulb for their projector – it was agreed that before it was purchased, the possibility of a new LED projector should be investigated as an alternative.

7. Membership Secretary's update (CB/RV)

Current membership is 711, plus two who will take advantage of the extra months' bonus.

8. Secretary's Report (RW)

1. Protocol for death of members. It was agreed and confirmed that our rule would continue to be to notify all GLs when we are told of a death, and ask them to pass on the news if he/she was one of their members.
2. Leaflets – JS will be asked to arrange another print run, and we shall distribute to libraries, surgeries and supermarkets as well as at events.
3. RITC – as Pocklington RITC has won the King's Award for volunteer work, it was agreed that we would send a card of congratulation c/o Louise Partridge.

4. Community presence. We shall make sure that our leaflet is available and displayed in public places within our communities, and go ahead with staffing a stall at Pocklington Market in May 2025.

9. AOB

1. Art exhibition event (MS).
 1. Burnby Hall is booked for Saturday January 18th, between 9.30 and 4.30, to allow for an open community event, from 11 till 4.
 2. It will be advertised to all as a public event, with u3a mentioned at the bottom of the posters. A u3a information table will be staffed within the hall.
 3. MS is in overall charge of the event. The Trustees of the hall have been very helpful and supportive.
 4. Steve Fraser has asked for as much information as possible; she has been given MS and NB's contacts to liaise with.
 5. The Hall will cost £84 for the day, which is a very good deal.
2. The question of having a speaker, either at Drop-in or as a separate event, was raised again. As the meeting was no longer quorate, it was agreed to defer this item until our next meeting.

There being no further business raised, the meeting closed at 11.51.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 17 December, 10.00 a.m., at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.