

**Minutes for Pocklington & District U3A
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 21 November, 10.30 a.m.
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: Neil Barrett (Chair)
Les Smith (Vice-Chair)
Christina Burn
Jane Cole
Simon Eggleston
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Jean Kay
Moiria Laverack
John Senior
Pauline Slater
Margaret Stubbs
Ralph Vokes
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (NB)
 1. Apologies had been received from GB and GH
2. Approval of Minutes of October 2023 meeting.
 1. Proposed by ML, seconded by MS.
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (NB)
 1. Link co-ordinators (JS) Following changes in the Committee, some link co-ordinator positions needed to be filled. It was agreed that
NB would take on LSt's groups
MS would take those of VH
JS would be responsible for the science-based groups.
ML will update data on the spreadsheet until the New Year, and there will be a round table sharing responses and feedback from Group Leaders at the next Committee meeting. LS will send a message to GLs reminding them to respond.
The idea of a meeting between co-ordinators and their GLs was raised – possible the GL meeting would be an arena for this?
4. Chairman's Report (NB)
 1. WDY and Gmail. There is a continuing problem with the link from the website to any gmail address; Chris is constantly fielding and forwarding a high volume of enquiries. WDY say they have fixed the problem and further work would incur an extra charge. The feeling of

the committee was that WDY undertook to resolve problems and should not now require more payment. Asking GLs for alternative email addresses was not felt to be a useful option. NB and CS will return to WDY again and attempt to resolve the situation.

2. Copyright conformance. In the light of an expensive situation recently experienced by another branch, GLs will be reminded not to download images or material which will then be published. Free downloads are not copyright-free, and can only be used within closed groups. GLs will also be reminded to get the permission of anyone appearing in any photograph which is to go on a public forum.
3. The next Drop-in on December 7th will be the Christmas meeting. DH undertook to furnish fruit juice, sparkling wine, mince pies and cake. The u3a glasses can be brought. JK volunteered to take overall supervision of the refreshments at Drop-ins, and was thanked for this.

5. Group Activity (LS)

1. There was anxiety over the current state of the Birdwatching Group, which is currently without a leader. RW suggested using as a temporary contact the member who took charge of the Group's discussion at the last Drop-in, who was later identified as Joan Dougill.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. The current figures are
Main account £3495.64
Subs account 538.92
Cash 284.79
Total £7319.32

No major expenses are forthcoming apart from a run of handbooks, and supplies for the Christmas meeting.

2. DH has attended a u3a Zoom session for Treasurers, with material for using the Beacon Finance package from April 2024. This will be beneficial when the office is handed over.

7. Membership Secretary's update (RV)

1. There are currently 730 members on roll, and several waiting to join in December and get the benefit of the extra months.
2. RV and CB are attending a Beacon training Zoom on Thursday 23rd.
3. Many new and old members ask for hard copies of the handbook. A new print run is in course, but it was stressed that members should be encouraged to use the website as a first resource, as it is always more up to date.

8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. No new correspondence needing discussion had arisen which had not been already dealt with.
2. Should we ask the Group Leaders whether they want a meeting/ if so, what do they want from it?

9. AOB

1. We must continue to urge Group Leaders to come to the Drop-ins when possible. One suggestion was that attendance could be themed – all the Art and craft groups at one meeting, all the science at the next etc. Another idea was that one group from each general area could be present at each meeting., so that newcomers could find someone whose interests were broadly in the same area.
2. (JS) The idea of having u3a talks of general interest was raised and generally felt to be a good idea. Perhaps on a quarterly basis, in an afternoon and with a small charge to cover venue hire.
3. DH reported on the CPR and Defibrillator training session which the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service had provided. It had been extremely straightforward and positively received. RW will give a report in the next Newsletter, and DH will arrange a further session in the spring, which will be publicized nearer the time.
4. (MS) The Council have agreed in principle to the boules pitch on West Green if they can secure the funding.

10. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 15 December 2023, 10.30 a.m. at the Scout Hut,
Burnby Lane