

Minutes of Pocklington & District u3a AGM 2024

Thursday May 23rd 2024, 2.00p.m.

Pocklington Methodist Church, Chapmangate

The meeting was declared quorate at 2.00p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023

This was proposed by David Hebden and seconded by Christina Burn.

2. The Outgoing Chairman's Report

Neil Barrett recalled that he had wanted to concentrate on three main areas during his year as Chair: continuity, communication, and use of funding for equipment. He reflected on progress that had been made in these respects.

He thanked postholders for all their help and those leaving the committee. He extended a special thank you to Moira Laverack who has done a fantastic job as membership secretary for so many years, going above and beyond the call of duty.

3. Treasurer DH (see accounts)

David Hebden noted that a major part of the branch's income goes to Third Age Trust for insurance, licences etc

Another major expense is postage for the *Third Age Matters* magazine. Members were asked to tell David if they wish to opt out of receiving a paper copy.

4. Approval of the Accounts

Proposer Pauline Slater. Seconder John Senior.

5. Approval of Auditor

Proposer Ralph Voke. Seconder Les Smith.

6. Incoming Chair

Les Smith was proposed by John Senior and seconded by Pauline Slater

He thanked John for continuing as Vice Chair after his term as Chair had expired. He also gave many thanks to Neil Barrett and Rosemary. He will continue to rely on them. LS also thanked Chris Smith: he values her keeping him on his toes.

LS said that he would have three priorities during the coming year, beyond ensuring the continued steady running of the branch.

i To slicken communication within the committee.

li To learn about how groups operate by going to visit them.

lii To raise further awareness in the community of what u3a is and what it offers.

He added that group leaders make the u3a, and that he will seek to value and support their work.

7. Outgoing President

GB said that an important aspect of the role of president was preventing the committee from making the same mistakes as had been made previously. He thought the branch had recovered well post-covid and thoroughly recommended John Senior taking over from him. He said that change and development are good for any organisation.

8. Incoming President

JS Thanked Neil, Les and the committee and all volunteers. He observed that the drop-in is a happy place and good for social reasons. He urged members to tell people about u3a.

9. A.O.B and Comments from the floor

1. Please follow up lapsed membership subscriptions (NB said this is in hand).
2. Speakers at Drop-in please introduce yourselves (NB noted).

10. Date of 2025AGM

Thursday 22 May 2025 at 2pm.

The formal meeting closed at 2.50pm and was followed by an informative talk by Louise from Pocklington Rugby in the Community about the extent and variety of initiatives there, which are all run by volunteers.