

Pocklington & District U3A
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 18 February 2025, 10.00 a.m. at Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane

Present: Les Smith (chair)

Neil Barrett

Simon Eggleston

David Hebden

Gerry Hutchinson

Rosemarie Kennedy

Margaret Stubbs

Rosemary Waugh

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (LS)
 1. Apologies had been received from CB, JS, MM, PF, PS, and RV
2. Approval of Minutes of January meeting
 1. Proposed NB, seconded RK
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (LS)
 1. Group Leaders' Meeting review. The meeting had been universally agreed to be a success, and much positive feedback has been received. All who assisted were thanked for their efforts. The salient points from the discussion papers were summed up as:
 - Good things: a) meeting interesting people.
 - b) a sense of achievement.
 - Problems: a) lack of courtesy from members, e.g. disrespect, not replying to emails
 - Points for the Committee
 - a) should the u3a raise its public profile? This was agreed – LS will arrange for more flyers, and we shall get them displayed within our communities.
 - b) is there any possibility of personal indemnity within the insurance position? The short answer to this was, 'only if there was personal negligence by the GL involved'. DH undertook to send out details to all GLs, and will ask for risk assessment details from all venues currently used.
4. Chair's report (LS)
 1. 2025/26 officer roles. It was agreed that if possible the succession of Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary should be agreed and settled before the AGM. The current incumbents will circulate their job descriptions before the next Committee meeting.
5. Group activity (LS)

1. Pub Lunch 1 – meeting on Thursday for what may be their last meeting, though it is hoped they may decide on a taking-turns leadership and agree on one member to act as contact.
2. Italian Improvers. Now definitely defunct, and will be removed from website and handbook.
3. Military History. There is a meeting arranged for March. This will be the last meeting of the group, barring the highly unlikely eleventh hour emergence of a new group leader.
4. Red Sky Ukuleles. The leadership has changed and a new structure in place; the group is thriving.
5. New group proposal. LS sought Committee approval for the starting up of a new group looking at the history, structure and quirks of the English language. Agreement was proposed by RW, seconded NB and passed nem. con.
6. The Cruise Group has been inactive for a long time, has no members and does not communicate. It was agreed that it should no longer appear on the website.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. Main account	£2666
Subs account	4989
Cash in hand	146
PayPal	<u>114</u>
Total	<u>£7915</u>

The only anticipated outgoings at present are postage and the printing of flyers.

7. Membership Secretary's update (DH in absentia CB)

1. Renewals. All who had assisted with the process at the last Drop-in were thanked, and help solicited for the next. DH offered quick training in use of the technology.
2. Current membership is now 745, of which 290 are members renewed until 2026.

8. Secretary's Report (RW)

1. Contact with members. Following a recent contact with a Group Leader who does not use email, RW will send out a hard copy of each month's newsletter to both the GLs in this situation.
2. Anniversary. 2025 is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the P&D. Suggestions for marking this included planting a tree with a commemorative plaque, and having a celebratory cake and a display of archive material at the nearest Drop-in. RW will talk to Freda Snelson at a meeting on Thursday.

9. AOB

1. Games afternoon and future events (MS)
 Th Games afternoon had been attended by about 30 members, who enjoyed it very much and asked for a repeat of the occasion.
 NB is giving his talk on AI at the Arts Centre on March 2nd. It will be open to the public and is being promoted by PAC. £2 for tickets should cover the cost of the venue, so there should be no cost to the P&D.

It was suggested that a programme of talks might be arranged, to start with one on Local Democracy. The difficulties of avoiding politics was discussed at some length, as was the distinction between u3a events open to the public and community events supported by u3a. It was agreed by consensus that the latter would be more appropriate – u3a could make information and publicity available at such events, but they would not be specifically branded as u3a events.

2. Pocklington VE Day celebration (LS/MS) It was agreed that the P&D would like to take some part in the Pocklington Town celebrations, and will await further details of what part we can play.

10. The meeting closed at 11.36.

11. Date of next meeting Tuesday, March 18th, 10.00 a.m., at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.