

Pocklington & District U3A
Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

Present: Les Smith (Chair)
Simon Eggleston (Vice-Chair)
Neil Barrett
Christina Burn
Pauline Fothergill
Gerry Hutchinson
Mike May
John Senior
Pauline Slater
Margaret Stubbs
Ralph Voke
Rosemary Waugh

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (LS)
 1. Apologies had been received from DH and RK
2. Approval of Minutes of February meeting
 1. Proposed MS, seconded SE
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (LS)
 1. Job descriptions. These need to be circulated, and potential candidates lined up if possible, for Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. It would be desirable to choose a new President, but this role is non-statutory.
 2. VE Day. The Council has produced a very full agenda for the civic celebrations. There is no specific role allocated for the u3a, but another meeting is scheduled for April 3rd and more ideas may emerge. It had been suggested that an official opening of the new pétanque court might be appropriate, but MS reported that it should be ready before then and a separate opening, possibly by the Mayor, might be arranged.
 3. 20th Anniversary. There has been no great response from members offering memories or archive material. However, the tree-planting idea seems very popular. It was suggested that the area outside Barclay's Bank might be a good site. A potted tree could be planted at any time, if judiciously chosen, and it was further agreed that it should be marked with a commemorative plaque. JS suggested that this could be obtained through Amazon, and undertook to commission

it when the wording has been agreed. RW will discuss and agree on this with Brian and Freda Snelson.

4. Chair's report (LS)

1. A further supply of flyers has been ordered and will be collected from the printers' this week. They can then be distributed round public spaces in the area, and handed out at events.
2. Contact has been re-established about running a stall on Pocklington Market, probably on the 6th or 13th of May.

5. Group activity (LS)

1. Mediaeval Churches. Tonita Day has taken over from Chris Bond.
2. Quiz Group 1. Jane Dixon has succeeded Richard Hawkins.
3. Red Sky Ukuleles. Jane Smith has taken over from Martine Bantick.

6. Treasurer's update (RW in absentia DH) .

Reconciled Bank Balances

Main A/c	£2242
Subs a/c	£6312
Renewals	<u>£ 922</u>
Total	£9476

The Bank Statements were received before Renewal Subscriptions from the last Drop-in and online since 1st March, totalling £922, were credited. All payments are up-to-date,

Invoicing for the use of Burnby Hall was getting rather silly with monthly invoices sent to the Secretary email, which had to be paid online then reimbursed, so payment has now been made for all drop-ins up to and including December.

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

1. Thanks were extended to all who had assisted at the renewals desk at the March Drop-in, and invited to continue the good work in April.
2. There are now 748 members on roll, of whom 548 have renewed. This suggests that next Drop-in might be somewhat hectic! Those who have not yet renewed will receive a reminder, and asked to notify CB if they are not intending to rejoin.

8. Secretary's Report (RW)

1. NB was thanked for his talk on AI, which was both fascinating and alarming. The public presence was good, and the admission covered the cost of hiring the venue. This led to further discussion about staging more events open to the public, and whether we should appoint a Community Events Co-ordinator. It was agreed that we would discuss this at more length at the next Committee meeting.
2. MS was thanked for her initiative in getting the new pétanque court constructed on West Green; a community asset which will be much appreciated.

9. AOB

1. (PF) We should discuss the timing and venue for next year's Christmas Music event earlier than we did last year. It was agreed that it will be on the agenda in June or July.
2. (MS) There is to be a "Celebration of the Wolds" event on April 12th at Burnby Hall, in which several members of the Committee and of the Branch are involved.

10. The meeting closed at 10.37

11. Date of next meeting Tuesday, April 15th, 10.00 a.m., at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.