

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

**Tuesday 15 April, 10.00 a.m.
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane**

Present: Les Smith (Chair)
Simon Eggleston (Vice Chair)
Neil Barrett
Christina Burn
Pauline Fothergill
David Hebden
Pauline Slater
Margaret Stubbs
Ralph Voke
Rosemary Waugh

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (LS)
 1. Apologies had been received from RK, MM, JS and GH
2. Approval of Notes of March 2025 meeting
 1. Proposed PS, seconded RV
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting (LS)
 1. AGM
 1. The date, time, venue, and agenda must be sent out with the minutes of last year's AGM and the nomination forms for Committee and officers, no more than 21 days before the meeting. RW will use Beacon to send to all 'email members': DH will arrange for printing and dispatch to all those who do not use email.
 2. It was confirmed that a screen, projector and sound system are available at Burnby Hall. JS can provide the first two if necessary, and the u3a sound system can also be used.
 3. RW will contact Jean Kay to ask if she would be available and would like to help with refreshments. All members agreed they would be happy to assist. DH suggested that Prosecco might also be offered, and this was agreed.
 4. The idea of having a speaker to follow the business side was discussed, and an informal vote agreed that this time we would not arrange a speaker.
 2. VE Day – there is a full programme of events in the town on both Thursday 8th and Saturday 10th May, but the performance by Red Sky Ukuleles is the only direct u3a involvement.
 3. Market stall. The Council have not responded to the enquiry, and it was agreed that this would be better pursued in September, when many people are considering taking up something new.
 4. Community Events. The Wolds Day on the 12th had been a considerable success. It was stressed that the distinction between u3a events and community events should be preserved, though u3a could be active in initiating and promoting the latter. It was agreed that a Community Events

Group could be trialled, to meet on an ad hoc basis, which could suggest and organise such events; NB agreed to be the contact for the idea, and RW will include it in the next newsletter. MS offered to lead the Community Events Group.

4. Chair's report (LS)

1. Officer Roles. There was discussion as to the possibility of filling the designated role vacancies from within the current committee, with some suggestions to be followed up and/or awaiting decisions.
The roles will be explained and advertised in the next Newsletter. The role of President, which is not a statutory one, was discussed, and a nomination of a previous Committee member was agreed to be eminently suitable and desirable. The role will be offered before the AGM.
2. Data Protection and Privacy Policies. As there is a lot of overlap between these, and the Privacy Policy is not structurally a policy but a support document, it was proposed and universally agreed that this would be reclassified as "Privacy Information for Members" and a footnote in the DP policy would direct readers to a link on the website.
3. It was also proposed that some induction should be available for new Committee members – possibly along the lines of advice to read and familiarise themselves with the TAT documentation.

5. Group activity (LS)

1. Latin. One of the GLs has stepped down, but the other and a supporter were both present and proactive at the last Drop-in, which was good.
2. Archaeology Group is henceforth to be "Archaeology and the Past", in an effort to avoid the impression that it will involve mud and spades.
3. One Group Leader has not yet renewed their membership, and will be pursued for this.
4. Contacts who will keep them in touch have been established for the two Group Leaders who have no email.
5. A member has recently commented that it is u3a activity which keeps him going – this is worth recording and remembering.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. The year-end accounts are ready, but have not yet been audited or checked.
2. The current balances are as follows:

Main account	£2222
Subs. account	9144
PayPal	285
Cash	<u>131</u>
Total	<u>£11782</u>

It was noted that this is £1050 less than the balance at this time last year. In view of this, and of the fact that TAT capitation will probably rise this year, and that current expenditure comes to £13.40 per member, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the annual sub should rise to £15.00 for 2026/7. This will be announced at the AGM for official sanction.

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

1. (CB) There are currently 656 paid-up members; 86 have not yet renewed.

12% of members had not renewed by the end of March. It was agreed that one month's grace should be plenty, and that letters would be sent to all lapsed members.

2. (RV) A New Members' Meeting had been held last Wednesday, at which it was emphasized that it is fine to attend a 'taster meeting' for a group without making a longer commitment.

8. Secretary's Report

1. (RW) Archive material. A number of early newsletters and documents have been passed on by Freda Snelson – RW is attempting to fill in some gaps and find out more details, by contacting longstanding members, and will produce some kind of display for the September Drop-in, possibly to coincide with National u3a Week.

9. AOB

1. (LS) The Committee members were reminded of the existence of ACCORD, of which very few other branches seem to take advantage. As neither he nor RW can attend the next meeting on Monday 28th, which will focus on Group Leader roles, LS proposes to send a summary of the findings from our recent GL meeting, as a potentially helpful discussion document.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 20 May, 10.00 a.m., at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane