

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

**Tuesday 20 May 2025, 10.00 a.m.
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane**

Present: Les Smith (Chair)

Moira Laverack (President)

Neil Barrett

Simon Eggleston

Pauline Fothergill

David Hebden

Rosemarie Kennedy

Michael May

John Senior

Margaret Stubbs

Rosemary Waugh

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (LS)
 1. Moira Laverack was welcomed as the new President, after a unanimous agreement to invite her was passed at the last Committee meeting.
 2. Apologies had been received from CB, GH, RV and PS.
2. Corrigenda and Approval of Notes of March 2025 meeting.
 1. RW apologized for omitting JS's apology for absence, and for not minuting MS's offer to lead the Community Events Group. The minutes with these corrections were agreed.
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting (LS)
 1. There were no matters arising.
4. Chair's report (LS)
 1. AGM. The agenda for the AGM was detailed as follows:
 1. The projector and screen at Burnby Hall are not currently available: JS will bring his, and a back-up is available.
 2. The P&D microphone and PA can be used.
 3. RW will print a dozen copies of the agenda and the minutes from 2024.
 4. Committee members attending were asked to be there for 1.30 ,to wear lanyards, and to assist with setting out fifty chairs.
 5. The accounts for the year have been agreed, and will be signed off DH will prepare a slide showing details, and about ten hard copies printed in advance.
 6. DH will announce the agreed rise of fees to £15 p.a. effective from 2026-7.
 7. The co-option of RK, MM and PF since the last AGM will be confirmed.
 8. The next AGM will be held at the Drop-in on Thursday May 14th 2026.
 2. Officer Roles.
 1. Moira Laverack will be President of the branch.

2. SE will be the new Chair , to be proposed LS seconded NB
 3. RK will become Secretary, proposed RW, seconded DH, and PF will take the role of Minuting Secretary.
 4. LS will propose that DH continue as Treasurer until such time as a new candidate can be appointed, and RK will second this.
 5. RW will take the role of Vice-Chair until such time as another candidate can be appointed.
3. YAGR AGM. Nothing of major relevance had come from this, though it was interesting to note that the average size of a u3a branch is around 350. Most groups have a Facebook page and apropos of this, LS has set up a new one for the P&D which now has 9 followers.
5. Group activity (LS)
 1. May GL membership survey. All Group leaders have been sent a list of their members as last returned, and asked to confirm or amend this. So far 40 GLs have responded.
 2. Handbells. The Handbell Group is no longer running, due to the health of the Group Leader. Members of the group plan to continue meeting on an informal non-affiliated basis.
 3. French Intermediate. The Group now has a new Leader and a new point of contact member: the website has been updated.
6. Treasurer's update (DH)
 1. Salient points from the year's financial report:
 1. Expenditure has exceeded income over the year again – there has been a conscious effort to reduce our surplus funds which we have done but a level has been reached where we now have to increase subs to £15.
 2. Subs and TAT payment have been more or less the same as last year, and there has been less capital expenditure.
 3. We pay more than £500 p.a. to TAT, which is 58% of our income.
 4. We are to some extent subsidising members who do not use e-mail.
 5. Printing and stationery are major costs
 6. Hall hire cost are also up but BH Drop-in up to December has been paid out of 2024/25 year's funds.
 7. Any saving made by hand-deliveries would probably not be worth it in terms of time and effort.
7. Membership Secretary's update (in absentia CB/RV)
 1. There are currently 681 members on roll, and 55 lapsed members who have all been sent an individual letter requesting them to renew.
8. Secretary's Report

All matters had arisen earlier on the agenda.
9. AOB
 1. The question of having guest speakers or other featured activities at Drop-ins was raised, and it was agreed that this would be put on the agenda for fuller discussion at the next meeting.

2. The tree to be planted to commemorate the 20th anniversary was discussed. It was agreed to use the form of words suggested by JS for the plaque, and he will investigate costs. We shall also need to establish who owns the land outside the Community Hall.
 3. MS would like to stage another Outdoor Day, possibly in the summer.
10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 17 June, 10.00 a.m., at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane. DH, RK and RW submitted apologies for absence.