

Pocklington and District U3A
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday August 19th 2025, 10.00am
Pocklington Rugby Club

Present: Simon Eggleston (Chair)

Neil Barrett
David Hebden
Mike May
Pauline Slater
Les Smith
Margaret Stubbs
Rosemary Waugh
Ralph Voke

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (SE)
Apologies had been received from: CB, GH, RK, and PF (and also ML as President)
2. Approval of Minutes from July Meeting. With one correction, approved.
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting
 1. Pockdown was agreed to have been a good PR event, and all who contributed were thanked.
 2. The YAHR register of suggested speakers had been distributed, to be considered for next AGM: MS proposed that Phil Gilbank be invited, to speak for local Heritage. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the next meeting.
 3. The Market Weighton Health Fair had also been good PR; it was agreed that some A3 display boards to show photos of some of our Groups in action would be a useful accessory for future events. NB was commissioned to research these further (proposed RW, seconded LS)
 4. Brian Snelson has now officially stepped down from the role of Beacon guru, and LS is now the principal fount of Beacon knowledge.
 5. MS offered to write articles for the Pocklington Post, highlighting u3a activities and presence, and this was accepted with thanks.
4. Chair's report (SE)
All had been covered under Matters Arising.
5. Vice Chair Report (RW)
 1. Alison Thompson, who had proposed a new Craft Group, is now having second thoughts and would prefer not to go ahead yet; it was agreed that a holding but encouraging message be sent.
 2. A table-top quiz has been prepared for next Drop-in, with answers to be given after the Announcements and a small prize given.

3. The Brand centre sells pencils at 8p each, and it was proposed and agreed that a supply of these be bought for the quiz and for future events. RW also asked to buy a u3a 'cup' as a prize.

6. Treasurer's Update (DH)

1. Our total funds are :

Main Account	£4,706.75
Subscriptions a/c	£1,645.10
Cash held	<u>£ 114.14</u>
Total	£6.465.99

At the moment there are no outstanding bills.

2. A new bank mandate will come into force once DH forwards the July minutes to the bank. Natwest will also upgrade the bank account to allow online access for all transactions. This was proposed by DH, seconded RW and carried nem con.
3. Request from Red Sky Ukeles for some additional equipment, to supplement the PA System that was purchased for them last year. Microphone leads and an extension lead (Kettle lead) totalling about £100. The expenditure was agreed. Also, the film group may want a new projector soon.
4. CPR training - Would it be a good idea to arrange a demonstration at a future Drop-in? Also, could we print basic CPR information on the backs of membership cards? Can this be done on our present machine? It was agreed that this was an excellent idea – possibly the cards could be preprinted on one side, or even completely preprinted for all current members, to save waiting at renewal time? It was agreed that this would need to be discussed with CB before any decisions.

7. Membership Secretary's Update (RV)

There are currently 715 members on roll.

8. Secretary's Report (RK in absentia)

Burnby Hall had requested that u3a subscribe to their email updates on matters concerning the Community Hall. It was agreed nem con that we should subscribe to this.

9. Groups (LS)

1. NB has a proposal for a new Science Group. He will compose a short flyer for inclusion in the next Newsletter.
2. A new member, Lynn Aikman, is considering starting an advanced Knitting Group.
3. New member Alison Thompson had thought of a Crafting Group in Market Weighton, but does not yet feel ready to propose a definite start.
4. The Petanque Group continues to be problematic as regards numbers and the need for players to be u3a members. Possible solutions might be a Council booking system, a notice by the pitch stating when it is reserved for u3a, and/or the setting up of a second

independent group not under u3a aegis. LS as Group Coordinator will have a discussion with the Group Leader and attempt to resolve a difficult situation.

14. (This item was brought forward as PS had a deadline for leaving.) (PS/LS)

A proposal for a Sixties and Seventies Disco had been discussed informally, and was agreed.

- The event would run from 6 until 9 p.m.
- Music could be provided at no expense
- Catering and drink to be on a BYO basis
- PS will purchase disco lights from Amazon (£10 each)
- The possibility of a room for storage at BH will be investigated.
- Admission to be free but by sign-up ticket in advance, to control numbers.

The Community Hall was then booked, from 5 – 10 p.m. on Friday October 3rd.

10. Webmaster Role

There has been concern that there is no-one else within the u3a who is trained and able to cover all the functions performed so efficiently by Webmaster Chris Smith. Her admin and assistance are invaluable to our smooth running, but no function in the organisation should be a single-point operation, and we should discuss with Chris plans to share her expertise against the possibility of her being unable or unwilling to continue her role at some point in the future. LS offered to contact Chris and have this conversation.

11. Open Day (27th September)

1. A further Pocklington Town Open Day is planned for September 27th. The Town Council will make all arrangements; u3a can have a table inside the Arts Centre.

12. Tree Planting

Finding a suitable site continues to be problematic. Alternatives were discussed, including a seat or a plaque. MS will take the consideration to the Burnby Hall Committee and the Council.

13. Games Afternoon (October) (MS)

The afternoon of Saturday, 25th October was booked for this event. There have been considerable requests for a repeat of last time.

15. AOB.

No further business being raised, the meeting was closed at 11.50.

16. Date of next meeting. Tuesday September 16th 2025, 10.00am, Rugby Club, Burnby Lane