

**Pocklington & District u3a**  
Minutes of Committee meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 10am  
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

*Present:*

Richard Antcliff, Neil Barrett, Christina Burn, Simon Eggleston (Chair), Polly Fothergill, David Hebden, Gerry Hutchinson, Rosemarie Kennedy (Secretary), Moira Laverack, Pauline Slater, Les Smith, Margaret Stubbs, Ralph Voke, Rosemary Waugh.

*Apologies:* Michael May

**1. Welcome:** SE

**2. Minutes of previous meeting** 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 approved.

**3. Matters arising:** None

**4. Chair's report:**

SE - *Website:* CRM want to update hosting fees, + extras for development, to £95 per month. SE has written to them. No reply yet. Discussion about whether we need to stay with them, as their new proposed fee is c.£1000 p.a. We own our domain, and Beacon do offer a website setting up service. Currently membership fee payments are via Beacon. SE to try to negotiate a discount on existing contract. NB will look into options and alternatives, e.g. IONOS charge £4 p.m. for hosting. SE suggests we find a designated member to manage this.

**5. Vice Chair's report:** RW. No matters have arisen this month. RW will continue to set up table top quiz at drop-ins.

**6. Treasurer's report:**

*Current balances:* Subscription a/c £2204.84, petty cash £130.74, Main Account £3804.77, Total balance = £6140.35. *Outstanding bills:* payment to All Saints church for MWM event. DH is considering changing bank from Nat West. Maybe Nationwide to enable paying in of cash and cheque. To enquire if they offer charity accounts.

**7. Membership Secretary's update:**

CB reported that we now have 747 paid up members, 27 being new members since beginning of 2026. RV will withdraw from new member involvement as he will be moving out of the district soon.

*Membership renewal at next drop-ins:* RA has volunteered to assist ML, NB, CB, and DH at next drop-in. We now have 3 card reading machines. Lynda Rooke has volunteered to welcome members at the door. CB has requested a cash float of c.£45. DH requests that cash is not banked but retained for petty cash top-up.

*Matters for RW to include in next newsletter:* 2026 subs now £15. Cash is acceptable at drop-ins but in no less than £1 coins. Cheques are not encouraged but CB recognizes that this is the only option for some members.

*Two pleas for the newsletter:* any change of address, etc, must go to CB. DH asks that members check their spam/junk boxes for u3a emails. Perhaps this should be mentioned by the chair at drop-ins as they won't know this if they haven't seen their emails?

**8. Secretary's report:** RK. *Laptops:* Chris Smith has had her u3a laptop upgraded to the required Windows 11, so maybe committee laptops could be similarly upgraded. NB advised that we would need to be assured that any upgrades could still be supported. In first place existing laptops should be checked for compatibility to upgrading/support before being replaced.

*YAHR AGM & workshop meeting:* LS drew attention to the fact this clashes with our own AGM. PS volunteered to represent P&Du3a at YAHR, with appropriate expenses paid.

**9. Groups:** LS.

*Ukulele group 3:* PF is to withdraw as leader. New leader is being sought, PF to inform LS as soon as situation is clear.

*Golf:* John Pemberton would like to set up a website for the group, at no cost to u3a. LS has sent him info about our policy on data protection and social media.

*Art & Crafts group* is relocating from Barmby Moor to Burnby Hall for more space.

*Group survey:* There are currently 59 groups. Very useful info coming in, and only 8 of the 49 groups contacted have not yet replied. This may have prompted a few lapsed members to renew this year. 5 members of the Accord have now joined our groups.

*List of u3a assets held by groups:* DH has a list from 2019. LS is currently updating the list which will appear on our website in due course. Group leaders need to be alerted when this is available.

**Policies:** There are five policies that Third Age Trust require us to review, or create. LS has drafted new policies for **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**, and **Social Media**. These now approved and adopted. Our existing policies for **Data Protection, Safeguarding**, and **Health & Safety**, were agreed and approved.

On the matter of concern that, for example, a venue might not be suitable for a member's needs, DG suggested that each group should decide on 'reasonable adjustments' that they can make. LS notes that our policies are to advise, not to 'police', groups. All group leaders need to be advised to read policies on our website.

RA is currently drafting a Finance policy and this will be considered next meeting.

**East Yorkshire Accord:** LS. Reports that most significant, and frequent, item is 'recruiting committee officers'. When there are no volunteers to fill an officer vacancy we would be covered by stating 'Actively seeking an officer for this role'. RV suggests we revamp our membership form to encourage members to volunteer their skills and expertise for the benefit of our u3a branch. Additional info: 390 members is the average per branch, therefore we are larger than average.

#### **10. Upcoming events:**

*Disco.* PS proposes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, but this will depend on volunteers coming forward to help with setting up and clearing away.

*Wolds Day.* MS would like to postpone this until spring 2027. Reasons: Burnby Hall is fully booked for Saturday mornings, and Beverley Tourist Board would like to be involved.

*Pockdown.* Agreed that we would take part if there is an event this year.

#### **11. AOB:**

*Discussion group.* MS proposed this as a replacement for the now closed Current Affairs group, with a wider subject base. Ideas welcome. MS will send text to RW for inclusion in next newsletter.

*Spreadsheet of days of the week/times that groups meet.* LS has this in draft form. MS suggested it would be useful at the welcome desk at drop-ins.

*Proposed new groups.* SE has had enquiries about setting up a Travel group, and a Writing Family History group. RW has just received some info on the latter which will appear in the next newsletter.

*GH presented 3 items:* 1. Jean Kay needs more volunteers for refreshments at drop-ins. 2. May a stamp collector put an entry in our newsletter about stamps that he wants to pass on? Agreed. Details to be sent to RW for inclusion in newsletter. 3. Could we promote the Bowls Club, and the Scout Hut, as group meeting venues. Agreed.

**12. Date of next committee meeting:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 10am, Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

*P.F. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026*