

# **Pocklington & District U3A Committee Meeting**

Held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 10.30 a.m.  
at the Station Hotel, Pocklington

## **PRESENT:**

President: Freda Snelson  
Chair: Graham Ball  
Vice-Chair: Brian James  
Committee Members: Val Wosket (minutes), David Bragg, Eileen Ducker, Elizabeth Walker, Moira Laverack, Pauline Carter, Kay Stephenson, Frank Challoner, Ian Smith

### **1. Welcome**

- The Chair, Graham Ball, welcomed members to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

- Paul Giles, Graham Gillyon

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 20th February 2018**

- Approved without amendment.
- Proposed: Graham Ball.
- Seconded: Val Wosket.
- Approved Minutes to be posted to website at close of Committee Meeting.

### **4. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting**

- No matters arising.

### **5. Groups (B)**

- Ballroom Dancing has now ceased to meet as a U3A group.
- Pub Lunch 4: Elizabeth Piesse has taken on leadership of this group.
- New equipment for the Film Group is now in place and is working well. The group is expanding, with 46 members (approximately 5% of Pocklington U3A) present at the last meeting.
- Discussion took place around the possibility of a 'men's shed' group and it was agreed to float this idea at the next Drop-in (B).
- Chris Smith has received an email from a member proposing that people might take a few minutes at Drop-ins to showcase their group(s). Committee agreed to put a notice on the website inviting people to do this on a one per month basis. GB will respond to the member who put forward this suggestion.
- Getty Hutchinson will be asked if he has, or knows the whereabouts of, the suggestion box for use at Drop-ins.

### **6. Treasurer's Update (GB for PG)**

- Account balance is currently £9,839.00 which includes membership subscriptions to date.
- PG has had brief communications with the Third Age Trust about the range of changes recently proposed. He is happy to report that simpler

proposals than originally outlined will now be in place which mean, in short, that we can continue to operate as we do now. He will give a detailed report to this effect at the April meeting.

- Discussions with Barclays Bank have proved unproductive and proposals to move the account to Barclays have now been abandoned. Instead, an option to use the Post Office for inward payment of cheques etc., whilst retaining the existing accounts at Nat West is being explored and at this stage PG does not envisage a problem with this arrangement.
- The Asset Register is now complete and equipment that is no longer needed or viable has been cleared out of store and re-cycled wherever possible. PG will circulate an up to date Asset Register at the next meeting.

#### **7. Membership Secretary's Update (ML)**

- Current membership stands at 890 and includes 32 new members. Membership renewals currently stand at 414 (approximately 50% of total membership). An alert about membership renewals will be posted on the website. A reminder will be sent to group leaders in May asking them to check that their group members have renewed. Old membership cards are to be re-cycled.
- There were 78 renewals at the last Drop-in – and altogether an excellent turnout of members in appalling weather conditions.
- ED, FC, VW, IS, EW and GB to help ML with renewals as required at next Drop-in on 5th April.

#### **8. Secretary's Update (VW for GG)**

- Chris Smith will be asked to send a reminder to members who have registered for the next First Aid training on Thursday 3rd May. PC will liaise with Chris about this, as some people may need to be contacted by phone. Any remaining spaces will then be advertised on the website/at the next Drop-in on a first come, first served, basis. GB will represent the committee at this event.
- Committee approved the purchase of a new 'A' Board for publicity use at Drop-ins.

#### **9. Meetings: Committee Attendance**

- Drop-in on Thursday 5th April: EW, VW, IS, FC, GB, ED, ML.
- Open meeting on Wednesday 21st March: ED to introduce speaker and various committee members to attend.
- New members' meeting Thursday 12th April: BJ, EW, PC.
- AGM on Thursday 19th April: All committee members present to attend. Committee member nominations received/in progress: Martin Braidley, Chris Mills (for Vice-Chair).
- GB has spoken to Steve Fraser who would be willing to stand for the post of President. Proposed and carried unanimously by committee at today's meeting and this appointment will be recommended to members present at the AGM.

- PC reported that all arrangements for the AGM are in place. Hall and refreshments are booked and the Ukulele and the Singing for Pleasure groups will perform from 1.30 pm.
- The last open meeting of the current schedule, 'The Golden Age of Film', will take place on 16th May. The open meeting programme will then be reviewed to determine whether this continues.

#### **10. Website Update (EW, PC)**

- Brian Snelson, ML and PC have had discussions with WDY who have produced costings for work going forward to include changes that need to be made to data protection procedures and requirements. Brian has looked at what a number of other organisations are doing in this regard and has produced some draft policy documents.
- Cost of initial set up (including website security monitoring) by WDY would be a 'one off' fee of £850 followed by yearly operating costs (to be reviewed annually) of £800 (equating to a monthly direct debit payment of £73.33). Committee unanimously approved these payments.
- PC and ML will discuss archiving issues that need to be resolved with WDY and expedite these in person if necessary.
- Group leaders will be asked to use the 'BCC' system when sending emails to group members unless every member of a group gives permission for their email address to be shared with all other group members.

#### **11. AOB**

- Committee agreed that collections for other charities and the selling of items (e.g. booklets) should not take place at meetings. Voluntary donations are allowed (e.g. as occurred recently at free of charge first aid training days run by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service).
- Following an offer by Co-Op Financial Services to give a talk on Inheritance Tax Planning and Power of Attorney Issues, it was agreed that we would not accept any such offers from commercial concerns.
- Following a positive report by the President and Chairman, it was agreed that our U3A would encourage members to participate in a series of 'Balance' classes being offered by a local physiotherapist group. These would be open sessions and not a U3A Group.

#### **Date of Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.