

**Pocklington & District U3A
Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 18 January 2022, 10.30 a.m.
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: John Senior (Acting Chair)
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Moira Laverack (Membership Secretary)
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)
Neil Barrett
Jane Cole
Liz Dearsly
Rosemary Hutchinson
Hazel MacDonald
Chris Mills

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (JS)
Apologies had been received from BJ, EW and PS.
2. Approval of Notes of December 2021 meeting
Acceptance was proposed by RH and seconded by LD.
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (JS)
 1. RH has checked the information on u3a available in Pocklington Library. This needed some updating, which she is undertaking. JS will perform the same check at Market Weighton Library.
 2. DH has made contact with Barry Stockdale and given the required information.
4. Treasurer's update (DH)
 1. The Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes. All outstanding invoices have been paid and no major expenses are expected imminently. The end of year balance from the subscriptions account is about to be transferred, which will give an overall balance of £9745.30.
 2. Equipment Audit. Committee members had been asked to give notice of any equipment belonging to u3a which they hold, and where it is usually kept; the next step will be to get the same information from Group Leaders, so that a complete register of assets can be compiled. Group Leaders had been asked for this information, but few had responded, so DH will follow up with a further request.
 3. Some licences may need renewing or updating: this will be the next area for review.
5. Membership Secretary's update (ML)
 1. Membership currently stands at 750. A New Members Meeting had been held, attended by fourteen people, and had generated very positive feedback. Suggestions had been made for groups in Bridge, Acoustic guitar, and Rock and Roll dance. These ideas will be put on the Website to invite interest.

2. Renewals. E-mails have been sent to all members with details of the renewal procedure, and paper copies will be distributed within the next week. At the next three drop-ins we shall dedicate four tables against the far wall for renewals, with space arranged for those queueing. All the data for members need to be checked; ML and EW will operate the card machine, DH the Sum-up machine, and JC and NB will help with the checking at tables. HM will assist with marshalling the queue.

The stage area cannot be used for Health and Safety reasons. Perhaps the tables not being used for renewals can/should be arranged in a more friendly herringbone-pattern way; this will have to be considered on an ad hoc basis.

3. Beacon. It seems the P&D will have to continue working around the two systems. Payments from the website cannot be linked to Beacon unless we use the PayPal system, but with WDY we are tied to the Stripe system. New member details still have to be transferred to the Beacon roll manually. We shall have to continue seeking help from Brian Snelson, about these details and the fact that all mail through Beacon still gets replies into personal rather than u3a mailboxes.

6. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Social function of u3a.

The message received by DH from a member, which had been circulated in advance, was discussed at some length. It was agreed that, while we sympathise with those who would like to have more personal contact, there is little that u3a can do officially other than encouraging attendance at Drop-ins, promoting such social groups as the Dog-walking and Pub lunch groups, and use of the Facebook page and Website. It was suggested that people wishing to find others with shared interests, for holidays, outings etc., could post on the website for initial contacts and then arrange activities privately (i.e. not through the busy Travel Group).

2. Refreshments

Following Margaret James' notice of her retirement from taking charge of the refreshments at Drop-ins, it was agreed that her contribution would be officially recognised and thanked at the next Drop-in, which she will attend briefly to bring the trolley and supplies.

Both Isobel and Betty are willing to carry on helping, but not to be in charge.

RH agreed to store the trolley and equipment at her house.

A suggestion was made that we approach the Lily Pad at Burnby Hall about serving tea and coffee at Drop-ins, but it was felt that paying staff for the service would probably be an unnecessary expense.

RW will find out from MJ what quantities of goods are usually needed for a session, and we shall consider options.

3. Network Link Meeting

JS will attend this Zoom meeting on February 16th.

7. AOB

1. LD – Sheila Powell is retiring after many years leading the Italian group. It was agreed that we shall send her a card to thank her for her long contribution. JS is searching for a new leader for the group. It was suggested that dropping back to an Italian for Beginners group might help.

2. LD – Barmby Moor Hall have enquired about the status of the Art Group s which have not renewed their booking. CM will contact the GL and find out the situation.
 3. JS – Military History, Wine Group 5, Machine Sewing and Aeronautics Groups have all held successful launches and are going ahead.
 4. ML – A couple from Anlaby, who had attended the last Drop-in after liking the P&D website, had turned up to the New Members’ Meeting. We need to confirm with Accord whether, if attending meetings of more than one u3a, they need to be full members of both. JS does not think so but will check
 5. JS – All Groups holding IRL meetings need to remind members that we recommend to wear masks, take lateral flow tests beforehand, and be triple-vaccinated. This is also valid for our committee meetings
8. There being no further items raised, the meeting closed at 11.50
9. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 15 February 2022, 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane