

**Pocklington & District U3A  
Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 15 March 2022, 10.30 a.m.  
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: John Senior (Acting Chair)  
David Hebden (Treasurer)  
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)  
Moira Laverack (Membership Secretary)  
Chris Mills (Past Chair)  
Jane Cole  
Liz Dearsly  
Rosemary Hutchinson  
Pauline Slater  
Elizabeth Walker

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (JS)  
Apologies had been received from Neil Barrett and Brian James.
2. Approval of Minutes of February 2022 meeting  
The minutes were accepted as a record proposed by ML, seconded by DH.
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting (JS)
  1. JS has looked at the u3a information displayed in Market Weighton Library, and found it to be the same as in Pocklington. He has undertaken to update and refresh the file when he is able.
  2. Beacon/WDY. DH reported that WDY have received nothing from the P&D since an initial setup fee of c.£500 for the website.
    1. They have now offered a further discount to a monthly fee of £35 for maintenance and continuing to host the site; this would amount to £420 p.a., as opposed to more than £750 p.a. for Beacon services. Beacon is costing a fee of £1 per member and is not fulfilling all our requirements. Beacon 2 will not be developed.
    2. The Paypal system has been set up but is not yet active.
    3. There seems to be little option but to continue operating both systems for the next year until a full transition can be arranged.
    4. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 17 March at which DH, JS, ML and Chris Smith will discuss the relative benefits of each provider, and how best we should move forward.
  3. Risk assessments (DH) TAT are currently in the process of producing a Guide for Group Leaders to complete risk assessments, and we shall wait for it to appear.
  - 4 There are no plans for the TAM magazine to appear in a digital format.
4. Chair's report (JS)
  1. AGM. A date of Thursday, 19 May was provisionally agreed, subject to the Methodist Church being available then. RW will contact GB to ascertain this, and make a booking if possible. The accounts will need to be prepared and certified, and all the documentation prepared and printed. It was agreed that,

as Covid continues to be an issue of concern, we should keep it short rather than organise any entertainment or a speaker.

2. Committee changes. LD and EW will be at the end of their terms of office this year, and RH has notified that she will step down from the Committee. This will give at least three vacancies on the Committee. It was agreed that all members should actively invite interest from contacts in the groups they attend, and also that the vacancies would be advertised in the next Newsletter.

The non-statutory appointment of a President was also discussed. The current Chair was the first suggestion, but having been informally sounded out already he had indicated that he would not wish to take the post. Three other names were put forward, and as JS knew all the individuals it was agreed that he would approach them and find out whether they would be willing to stand.

3. East Riding Accord (JS) The P&D is now included in the Humber Accord, and an 'Open Door' arrangement has been formalised, establishing that members of any branch may attend the meetings of groups in any other member branch, paying only any cost of the meeting itself.

#### 5. Group activity (JS)

1. Three recently proposed groups have failed to take off – Longevity, Crosswords, and Living History.
2. The Italian Group has definitely closed, due to the lack of an Italian speaker to lead it, despite goodwill among its members.
3. The proposed new Music Group has attracted enough interest for an initial meeting to be arranged.

#### 6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. The Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.
2. The Scout Hut has been booked and paid for the next twelve months' Committee meetings.
3. The recent bookings for Burnby Hall have billed for 2½ hours instead of two – it was agreed that this was fair and we should continue on this basis, from 9.30 until 12.
4. Committee members were requested to submit any invoices for expenses before the end of the month in which they were incurred.
5. A card reader is currently on offer. It was agreed to buy one new one, and transfer the use of the existing one to the renewals desk.

#### 7. Membership Secretary's update (ML)

1. Membership stands at 773.
2. At the March Drop-in there were 40 renewals in cash, eight cheques and 55 payments by card. A reminder of the need to renew will be made in the April newsletter, as memberships will otherwise lapse on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All Committee members who have helped on the renewals tables were thanked for their assistance.

#### 8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. June Drop-in. It was agreed that the June Drop-in would be moved from June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Bank Holiday, to the 9<sup>th</sup>, and this will be publicised in newsletters and on the Website.

2. Social/open events. It was agreed that we do not currently want to undertake any programme of social or open events, as there is a history of very low response to these.
3. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was felt that the P&D would not have an interest in organising a large-scale response to the u3a fortieth anniversary events in September, although perhaps a marking of the occasion at the September Drop-in might be appropriate.
4. Pocklington What's On Day. There was a general agreement that this event, on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> (the last day of the school Easter holidays) was something we would like to represent the u3a at. This, however led to considerable discussion as to the danger of attracting new members who would then find that they could not join the groups in which they were interested. A fuller discussion of this problem will be scheduled for the next Committee meeting: among the points raised were
  1. The need for Group Leaders to work with a deputy within their group, who could take over the running if need arose.
  2. When a group is getting to capacity, GLs should consider setting up or organising a second or offshoot group.
  3. The need for an up-to-date list of which groups are already running to capacity.
  4. The possibility of organising a meeting/workshop for Group Leaders, to which each GL could bring a nominated deputy who could find out more about the role.
  5. The need for more emphasis on the self-help spirit of the u3a, and for more people to come forward in active roles. This will be included again in the next Newsletter.

9. AOB

No further matters being raised, the meeting closed at 12.10.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 19 April 2022, 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane