

**Pocklington & District U3A  
Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 16 August 2022, 10.30 a.m.  
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: Neil Barrett (Acting Chair)  
Graham Ball (President)  
David Hebden (Treasurer)  
Gerry Hutchinson  
Moirá Laverack (Membership Secretary)  
Lynn Liddle  
Chris Mills  
Liz Storer  
Elizabeth Walker  
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence (NB)
  1. Apologies had been received from JS, JC, PS, and HM
2. Approval of Notes of July 2022 meeting.
  1. Approval was proposed by NB and seconded by GB
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (NB)
  1. The u3a banners purchased for Pockdown and similar public events were presented and agreed to be a useful addition.
  2. DH has run checks on WDY at Companies House and established that WDY appears to be a holding company or partnership, as there is no record of them. The Director, Andi Miller, seems to be bona fide; DH will continue to investigate in person.
4. Chair's report (JS)
  1. Report from Pockdown. The Pockdown event was a success but aimed mostly at children and younger people. The u3a involvement was a good thing for consciousness-raising, but another time we should request a better-positioned and outdoor site, and consider having some kind of 'give-away' as many other stalls had.
  2. Meetings with ERYC. There are grants and funding available from ERYC, and we should consider costing proposals for what we might best request. There was discussion about the viability of the present sound systems: other suggestions included a new projector and/or possibly a gazebo for future outdoor events. DH will report back on costings.
5. Group activity (NB)
  1. More GLs have responded to the appeal for establishing succession lines – unfortunately, most of them are reporting a lack of success. Should co-ordinators intervene and assist before crisis point is reached?
  2. A new member has expressed the wish to start an Italian beginners' group. This initiative was warmly welcomed.

3. Names were suggested of people who might be willing to take on the role of accompanist to the Singing Group. Personal approaches will be made to the individuals.
  4. Community involvement – Scouts and Guides. NB has received an inquiry from the Guides as to whether he might assist as an official tester for the Photography Badge. No DBS checks are necessary for such activities, as a Guider would be present. It was agreed that, while many u3a members may have skills useful for testing Proficiency Badges, and we could legitimately publicise appeals for testers through the website, any such activity would be undertaken in an individual and private capacity, not as a u3a activity.
6. Treasurer's update (DH)
1. The balance in the main account is £1042, and in the subs. account £8235. The bill for the TAM has been reduced to £1775, and further reduction is expected.  
The new publicity banners had cost £262.
  2. Report on WDY. This had been previously covered under item 3.
7. Membership Secretary's update (ML)
1. The current membership is 721 – there were 8 or 9 new members at the August Drop-in.
  2. The next New Members' meeting will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  3. A reminder will be sent in the next newsletter that members can cancel the TAM delivery if they wish.
8. Secretary's Report (RW)
1. Dates for Drop-ins. Following recent problems with 'first Thursdays' being booked by other organisations, ERYC have agreed to allow us to pre-book our dates for 2023 and confirm them with one form for the whole year. ML reported that she could not attend on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and it was agreed that this would need to be re-arranged, as many members will want to renew at that meeting.
  2. Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association. This organisation is always looking for interesting guest speakers for their meetings, and suggested that u3a members may have interest in sharing experiences. A notice will be given in the next newsletter.
  3. Stamford Bridge Tapestry. This interesting local display is now open to the public, and will accept group bookings for parties with a talk. It was suggested that several different groups might have a n interest; details will be put in the newsletter and on the website.
9. Members' Code of Conduct (LL)
1. There was considerable discussion as to the best response to inappropriate language or behaviour in Group meetings. It was agreed:
    1. That no-one should have to put up with a situation which makes them uncomfortable.
    2. That Group Leaders should immediately be made aware of concerns.
    3. That Group Leaders have authority to exclude individuals who persist in unacceptable behaviour.
  2. There is wording in the Group Leaders' handbook which may cover the situation. NB will raise the issue in a communication to GLs.

3. The question of whether we should have a written Code of Conduct will be considered at our next meeting.

10. AOB

1. TAT Zoom notes (GH). The notes from this meeting will be circulated to Committee members, and anything of interest or concern discussed at the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 20 September 2022, 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane.