

**Pocklington & District U3A  
Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 15 November 2022, 10.30 a.m.**

**Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present:        John Senior (Chair)  
                 Neil Barrett (Vice-Chair)  
                 David Hebden (Treasurer)  
                 Graham Ball (President)  
                 Moira Laverack (Membership Secretary)  
                 Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)  
                 Jane Cole  
                 Lynn Liddle  
                 Pauline Slater  
                 Liz Storer  
                 Elizabeth Walker

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (JS)
  1. Apologies had been received from CM, HM and GH
2. Approval of Minutes of October 2022 meeting
  1. Proposed by NB, seconded DH
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting (JS)
  1. The Group Leaders' Handbook is printed and ready for distribution.
  2. The TAT Brand Centre Welcome Pack has not yet been considered in detail, but potentially seems a useful idea.
  3. There has not yet been an opportunity to request the funding for a gazebo.
  4. The idea of a "chatting table" seemed to work well at the last Drop-in.
  5. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 would seem to be a good time to aim at for an archive display of some kind.
4. Chairman's Report (JS)
  1. There is no "contact-noreply" option available on the website at present, it having been disabled after a massive inpouring of spam. Filtering software might be possible but expensive, and it was felt that disabling the option then re-connecting after a while was the best solution. It should not be causing any problem for members.
  2. The scheduled Accord meeting had been postponed due to illness.
  3. Fare-sharing. It was felt that a flat fee of £2 to cover all instances, as suggested by two members, would not be appropriate as circumstances differ so widely. Courtesy and friendship would make informal arrangements in most situations. DH will include a comment to this effect in the GL meeting.
  4. The "ECO event" planned by a member, to which u3a had been invited to join in, was agreed to have possibly political issues involved. There will be no official commitment, but we can publicise the event on the website and invite individuals to take part independently if they wish.

## 5. Group Activity (NB)

1. GL Meeting. All is in order for the meeting, and more than thirty Group Leaders have expressed intention to attend. Tea will be served at three.

## 6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. Treasurer's report. The current account stands at £5056 and the Membership account at £3720. The predicted figure for the end of year is approximately £9000
2. WDY/Beacon. DH has had another meeting with WDY and they are to send a contract. However, not all of their company registration data are available, and it was felt we need definitive answers on these as well as a formal agreement. DH/ML/JS will hope to arrange a meeting at which agreement can be reached.

The arguments in their favour are:

1. We are supporting local business
  2. They respond quickly to problems
  3. The Paypal system installed on Beacon has never worked.
  4. TAT report that they are 'looking at new projects', which are presumed to be connected with their increase in salaried staff and also in capitation subscriptions. However, no replacement for the scrapped Beacon 2 seems imminent.
3. Contact number. The phone designated and exclusively used for the card reader operation could be available as a contact number while the contact e-mail is disabled: however, it would have to be used as a mailbox only, with a message saying there would be a call back. DH pointed out that there should be more than one person who can use the card reader, as he cannot be present at all the Drop-ins in the new year. JC and PS volunteered to share the duty,, and will be trained by DH in the use of the machine.

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

1. Membership update; the current membership is 754. New members joining in December will not be processed until the new membership year.
2. A New Members' Meeting has been arranged for January.
3. A ticket has been raised with WDY requesting again the option to download the complete membership archive; at present only the current membership is available. WDY have said the archive data are all stored securely on the server.
4. The design of next year's membership card was presented and was unanimously agreed to be very pleasing.

## 8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Catering for December Drop-in. DH will purchase Prosecco and orange juice, to give members the option of Buck's Fizz or juice. RW will contact Isobel to discuss provision of tea/coffee and Christmas cake or mince pies.
2. Group etiquette. This item arose from discussion with a member who had been informed by a third party that the Group Leader had dropped her from a Pub Lunch Group for infrequent attendance. This behaviour was felt to be very poor, and it was agreed that NB would include this afternoon a comment

that any GL should contact members in person and learn any reasons for non-attendance before deciding to drop them from the group.

9. AOB

1. Uke Thrash event. It was unanimously agreed that we should and shall assist in funding this event. We can afford it and it will be good PR for the P&D.
2. Guests attending 'sample' Group meetings should have notified the u3a first. Group Leaders should record any such instances.
3. Local Travel Group – Glynis has been struggling to find numbers enabling her to run recently offered trips. It was felt that using Accord, either to offer trips more widely or to run trips jointly with another u3a, might help to offer a solution, and this will be suggested to her.

10. Date of next meeting, Tuesday, 13 December 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane. This is a week earlier than usual, because of Christmas, and has been agreed with GH.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.45.