

**Pocklington & District U3A
Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 17 January 2023, 10.30 a.m.
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: John Senior (Chair)
 Neil Barrett (Vice-Chair)
 Graham Ball (President)
 Moirá Laverack (Membership Secretary)
 Jane Coles
 Gerry Hutchinson
 Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)
 Pauline Slater
 Liz Storer
 Elizabeth Walker

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (JS)
 Apologies had been received from CM, DH, LL, and HM
2. Approval of Minutes of December 2022 meeting
 Proposed by NB, seconded by PS
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting (JS)
 1. New members' Welcome Pack: JS has customised the TAT branded model for use within the P&D. Note it has to maintain the body of the TAT document including photos. Only two main body pages can be customised for our P&D info. All committee members are requested to review for typos/improvements. Once agreed it will be placed on the website and copies printed for new member handout. It is understood that this can be printed for us free of charge.
 2. A listing of other Warm Spaces in Pocklington, including the churches, had been published: JC offered to access this and send it so that the information can be put on the website and publicized in the newsletter.
 3. Only a few groups so far have sent lists of members to NB. It was suggested that a request could be made through Link Committee members.
 4. It was noted that the Eco Event had been a success and well-attended.
 5. JS is meeting representatives from ERYC on February 2nd, to discuss the gazebo purchase and other issues.
4. Chairman's Report (JS)
 1. WDY/Beacon way forward. JS had prepared a very comprehensive presentation comparing the two systems, for which he was thanked. This was distributed, is attached to these minutes, and was discussed at length. The salient points which emerged from the discussion are summarised:
 1. It would cost over £1000 for WDY to install all the data management features we have from Beacon.
 2. WDY does have sound business credentials.

3. The P&D is well in funds and does not need to save the money.
 4. The copyright of the current website is not clear, and will need to be established at the meeting with WDY.
 2. It was eventually proposed and agreed that the recommendations of the document be accepted, and the P&D should continue to operate both systems (with WDY for the website and Beacon for data administration), conditionally on WDY being able to set up a 'one-click' synchronisation for Paypal renewal payments directly from the website. (proposed RW, seconded EW)
 3. Recruitment of new membership secretary. The role (which does not have to be filled by a Committee member) will be advertised within the usual channels, and with an e-mail appeal to all members. To this end ML will write a short 'job description' outlining the role and responsibility.
5. Group Activity (NB)
1. We have agreed to fund the Ukelele event.
 2. Croquet group – due to new restrictions at Burnby Hall, the Group is seeking a new venue. It was agreed that this request would be mentioned at Drop-In, and publicised through the website and the newsletter.
 3. Travel Group – Glynis is retiring and there seems no probable way forward for the Group, unless any response comes from within the Accord.
 4. Community Transport. If any Group wishes to make use of the facility, it was agreed that this would be as a Group arrangement rather than a P&D one.
6. Treasurer's update (DH)
1. In the absence of DH, the Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes later.
 2. Licences update. JS has investigated the situation – all licences are now up to date, except the MPLC Umbrella Licence which covers the public showing of films, and which DH will investigate on his return.
7. Membership Secretary's update (ML)
1. Membership update. The membership now stands at 771. A New Members' meeting was held last week, which was well-attended and had good feedback.
 2. Renewals. The document is printed and ready to distribute: the wording will be changed slightly for the online version, offering online renewal as well. IT was noted that BACS is the most popular form of renewal. Drop-in renewals will be available at the next three Drop-Ins: JC, GH and NB will all assist with staffing the renewal desks
8. Secretary's update (RAW)
1. A request had been received from DH to sanction the purchase of two insulate jugs for hot drinks at meetings. This was unanimously agreed and JS offered to purchase them.
 2. There have been complaints from the coffee team about the poor working of the water heater at Burnby Hall – these have been passed on to the Council and we hope will be remedied before next Drop-In. .
9. AOB

1. GH brought the Committee's attention to the recent discussions about the future of Burnby Hall, and asked whether u3a should express an interest in being involved or attend a public meeting on this. He will ascertain more details, for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.
2. JC reminded members of the excellent exhibition in the PAC.

10. Date of next meeting, Tuesday, 21 February, 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.05