

**Pocklington & District U3A
Committee Meeting**

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

Present: John Senior (Chair)
Neil Barrett (Vice-Chair)
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Moirra Laverack (Membership Secretary)
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)
Christina Burns
Jane Cole
Gerry Hutchinson
Pauline Slater
Liz Storer
Elizabeth Walker

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (JS)
 1. Apologies had been received from GB, CM, HM and LL
 2. Both HM and LL have resigned from the Committee as of the AGM. HM has been given flowers and a card to recognize her long-term health difficulties.
2. Approval of Notes of March 2023 meeting.
 1. Acceptance was proposed by PS and seconded by NB
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (JS)
 1. Burnby Hall meeting. The letter to the Town Council had been acknowledged, but there has been no response from ERYC. At the Town Meeting there was much discussion of the situation, and both the Mayor and Town Clerk have requested an urgent meeting but again there has been no response from ERYC. It seems no more can be done at the moment, although it was queried whether the Community hall's role as a polling station might be a valid factor.
 2. CPR training. DH has arranged a provisional date for this on XX November, at 11.00, to be held at the Rugby Club or possibly the Catholic Church. This could possibly be run as a dual u3a/Community event, with the u3a session in the morning and an open session in the afternoon.
 3. GH was thanked for his work on the Welcome Pack, which is now ready once some alignment and spacing issues have been addressed. Once complete 50 copies will be printed to be distributed to new members.
 4. JS has possession of the gazebo and will contact Sally Woods about the manufacture of a banner.
 5. No action has yet been taken on the setting up of a 'slide show' for use at Drop-ins.
 6. NB is working on the laptops returned – one from Singing for Pleasure and one from the Music group.
 7. WDY have been paid in full: work will be completed by the end of April and set to 'go live on May 2nd or 3rd, after the Bank Holiday weekend. ML has written an explanation of changes message to be distributed to the membership by end next week.

8. AGM:
 1. Nomination forms have been sent to all members (and we should actively encourage recruitment as there will be four vacancies.) The vacancies, particularly for Vice-Chair, will be publicised on the Website and in the next newsletter.
 1. NB as Chair will be nominated by JS, seconded RW.
 2. CB and RV will be nominated by ML, seconded RW
 3. Bloc nomination of all continuing officers and members proposed by PS, seconded by DH.
 2. Chairing of the meeting will be divided between JS and NB, with DH delivering the accounts in the middle.
 3. It was agreed that we would like to book the Speaker suggested by CM, to speak after the formal business of the meeting.
 4. Catering arrangements. Barbara Ball is no longer able to take charge of these: it was agreed that Committee members would organise the catering between them, with the assistance of Wendy and Richard if they are agreeable.
 5. JC offered her apologies for the meeting.
4. Chairman's Report (JS)
 1. Group Coordinators were thanked for their work in collating registers from their groups. The situation is somewhat concerning as so many Groups are 'full' and closed to newcomers. We should actively promote expansion/breakaway/splinter activity within all such groups, and keep in regular contact to assist with this.
 2. All other points had been covered in the Matters Arising.
5. Group Activity (NB)
 1. The Cricket Club have not responded to the appeal for help with a Croquet venue. It was suggested that Pocklington School be approached.
6. Treasurer's update (DH)
 1. The Treasurer's current statement will be attached to these minutes.
 2. There will be a surplus fund of £7097 at the year end.
 3. All the accounts are prepared for the AGM, where the external auditor will be approved for another year.
7. Membership Secretary's update (ML)
 1. 618 members have now renewed, around 40 at the April Drop-in. The card machine will not be taken to the AGM.
 2. The papers for the AGM are all prepared and will be distributed this week.
 3. A successful New Members' meeting was held last week: Ralph will take the chair at the next one, on July 13th, with the assistance of Committee members who were invited to attend.
 4. The handover of the role to CB and RV is continuing smoothly: Mark will set up two new laptops with the necessary programming.
 5. It was agreed that JS will give instruction to WDY about the data export for May 3rd.
 6. The status of the Archive remains unclear; there is material in existence but it will need collating.

8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Apology for absence. As RW and JS will both be away on May 16th, the last committee meeting before the AGM, it was agreed that the meeting would be deferred until the following Tuesday. EW offered her apologies for this date.

9. AOB

1. It was noted that Tricia Cairns is returning to u3a life, and may take up running another Art Group eventually.
2. It was suggested the groups which are closed to newcomers due to space restrictions, e.g. in private houses, could be helped to find larger outside venues to accommodate more members.
3. One GL had asked the purpose of the list of members of her group: should she just keep it, or forward it to her Co-ordinator? It was explained that the purpose of the list was so that the Committee knew whom to notify in, for instance, the event of a member's death.

No further business being raised, the meeting closed at 11.48.

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 23 May 2023 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane