

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

**Tuesday 15 December 2023, 10.30 a.m.  
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: Neil Barrett (Chair)  
Christina Burn (Membership Secretary)  
Jane Cole  
Simon Eggleston  
David Hebden (Treasurer)  
Gerry Hutchinson  
Jean Kay  
Moiria Laverack  
John Senior  
Pauline Slater  
Margaret Stubbs  
Ralph Voke (New Members' Secretary)  
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (NB)
  1. Apologies had been received from LS
2. Approval of Notes of November 2023 meeting
  1. Proposed by JS, seconded PS
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (NB)
  1. WDY update. The planned meeting with WDY has not yet taken place. However, NB thinks the problem can be identified as stemming from a gateway used in the system. In this case, it needs to be established whether this is WDY's own gateway or an external feature.
  2. Licences and insurance, Copyright and conformance: Insurances are all in order through TAT; PRS cover is held by the venue rather than the group using it. We make an annual payment to TAT for copyright cover. An umbrella licence covers, for instance, the Film Group. However, the Amateur Choir Licence for the Ukulele groups is less clear; the guidance on the TAT website is very vague. It was agreed that we would contact Margaret Fiddes, as the local representative, to ask for guidance on this, after feedback has been received from the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month.
4. Chairman's Report
  1. Accord vacancy-sharing. It was agreed that LS would be the best person to take the role of liaising with Accord about the sharing of group vacancies.
  2. JS raised the point that the Accord system offers more than we currently take advantage of, and perhaps we should aim for more involvement with the organisation.

5. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. The current balances are: Main account	£3591	
	Subs account	£3633
	Cash	<u>£ 271</u>
	Total	£7495

There is no major financial activity at present.

6. Membership Secretary's update (RV/CB)

1. There are currently 731 members on roll, and eight more waiting to join in the new financial year. There have been 52 new members in the last half-year.
2. CB will send an email in mid-January reminding members that the renewal process will start in February. Brendan at Burnby Hall will need to be notified of the need for a different furniture configuration at the February meeting – this can be done in person at the January Drop-in.

7. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. It has been a quiet time in the mail-box; everything arising has already been covered! CS is still fielding messages from those who have been unable to contact GLs through the website.

8. AOB

1. There has been some controversy over the direction and purpose of the Art groups; should the members be attempting to be directed in progress, or simply enjoying themselves? Two questions seem to need resolution:
  1. Would it be better for the Group to divide into two sections? (And how could this be achieved amicably?)
  2. Does Tricia Cairns intend to take a Leader role again?

It was felt that this and other questions about Group activity could be usefully discussed in planning the Group Leaders' Meeting, with LS.

2. The question of changing venue for committee meetings was discussed, as the Scout Hut can be very cold and the Rugby Club has offered use of their facilities free of charge. The hire of the Scout Hut is paid until the end of March, so that would be the best time to move if it is decided. After some discussion it was agreed that
  1. DH will talk to Louise from ERYC and find out whether the offer, originally made to JS, still stands.
  2. If the offer is still on, we shall hold a trial meeting at the Rugby Club in February before making a decision.
3. Committee members were reminded to wear lanyards at Drop-ins, so that newcomers can identify them.

8. Date of next meeting, Tuesday 16 January 2024 , 10.30 a.m, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane