

Pocklington & District U3A
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19 March, 10.00 a.m.
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane

Present: Neil Barrett (Chair)
Les Smith (Vice Chair)
Christina Burn
Simon Eggleston
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Gerry Hutchinson
Moiria Laverack
Pauline Slater
Margaret Stubbs
Ralph Voke
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

In attendance: Rosemarie Kennedy

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (NB)
 1. Apologies had been received from GB and JK
 2. Rosemarie Kennedy was welcomed as a visitor to Committee proceedings.
2. Approval of Notes of February 2024 meeting
 1. Proposed by DH, seconded LS
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting
 1. The planned meeting with WDY had still not taken place, and the need is seen as pressing. The problem with gmail enquiries has been caused by the company and is their responsibility to solve it.
Subsequent to the meeting, a date has now been set and a meeting arranged for Wednesday 20 March.
4. Chair's report (LS)
 1. AGM – Thursday May 23rd.
 1. Louise Partridge from RITC has agreed to give a talk. With her agreement, we shall make a contribution of £50 to a nominated charity . It was suggested by PS, and agreed, that unless Louise has another suggestion, this should be the People's Pantry.
 2. The documentation will be sent out immediately after the Easter weekend, and about sixty copies each of the agenda, minutes from 2023 and committee nomination forms will need to be printed by GT Graphics.
5. Vice Chair (LS)
 1. Group co-ordinators. The division of responsibilities for the Group Co-ordinators has been agreed, and there have been a few re-alignments. All co-ordinators are now aware of their assigned Groups; new groups formed will be allocated where vacancies occur, for example when groups are dissolved.

LS proposed that the information about Group membership be requested three times a year, in May, September and January, so that up-to-date records of group vacancies and membership are held.

It was also agreed that a more positive message encouraging Group Leaders to attend the Drop-ins should be circulated.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. Three new card-readers have been bought and were used successfully at the March Drop-in. 71 renewals were done using these.

2. Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£ 6190.00
Subs Account	4351.00
PayPal	182.00
Cash in hand	<u>250.00</u>
Total	£10973.00

In addition to this there is £852 to transfer from the Sumup payments.

3. The PA system requested by the ukulele groups has been ordered, at a cost of £751.49. No other major expenses are expected imminently.
4. Charity Commission. The Annual Return has been completed and duly submitted, and all Committee contact records updated.
5. Copyright issues. The TAT has a blanket agreement over these; there is a £60 licence. NB confirmed that this is up to date and renewed every year. If groups are performing in a public place, they can sing from memory but not distribute the words to the audience unless the venue is covered by a PRS licence – which most places are. Older material and songs which are out of copyright are apparently free from strictures.

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

1. (CB) The committee were thanked again for their help with the renewal process, which was much quicker at the March Drop-in. Membership stands at 517, with 257 still to renew.
2. Group Leaders should be reminded to check that all their members have current membership – cards with a swan on! – and send a list of members to their co-ordinators so that we have contact lists for each group.
3. (RV) We are still funding 546 copies of the TAM magazine – members should be reminded that they have the option not to receive the hard copy. RW confirmed that the details for the portal have been updated and RV is now the nominated contact for the TAM magazine site.
4. The question of deaths of members; who should be notified and how? was raised at this point. It was agreed that it is always problematic, and was firmly felt that the u3a should not become or take on the role of a bereavement counselling service. Nevertheless, it was agreed that it might be helpful for the Committee to take some advice on how to help those who have recently suffered loss, perhaps by a session with an experienced counsellor. LS agreed to investigate local services, with a view to possibly adding a link to Cruse, or a similar organisation, to the website.

8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Rehab project. The secretary had received an email from a charity, Rehab 4 Addiction, asking if the P&D would put a link into the Community section of the website. It was felt that this would perhaps not be of great interest to most of the demographic, but NB offered to check out the site and, if it is genuine, it was felt that it might be of use to some to include it.
2. Burnby Hall. There is still no definitive message from ERYC; the Town Council has issued a letter inviting interested groups to hold fundraising events, but this is not permitted under TAT rules. If there is a larger event planned we could take a stall and give at least moral support. MS raised the possibility of renting some space at the Hall, possibly to be used for storage, though this might prove complicated as regards access etc. The Town Meeting is to be held on April 17, but has not been widely publicised; RW will draw attention to it in the next Newsletter.

9. AOB

1. Rosemarie Kennedy was invited to join the committee, proposed by RW and seconded by NB, and co-opted as a member.
2. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.08.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 16 April 2024, 10.00 am, at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane