

Pocklington & District u3a
Minutes of Committee meeting

Tuesday 16th September 2025 10am
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

Present:

Neil Barrett, Christina Burn, Simon Eggleston (Chair), Polly Fothergill, David Hebden, Rosemarie Kennedy (Secretary), Michale May, Pauline Slater, Margaret Stubbs, and Richard Antcliffe (Treasurer designate).

Apologies: Gerry Hutchinson, Les Smith, Ralph Voke, Rosemary Waugh.

1. Welcome:

S.E. welcomed Richard Antcliffe who has agreed to take over the role of treasurer.

2. Minutes of previous meeting 19th August approved.

3. Matters arising:

Membership cards: DH and CB reported that it is not practical to print current plastic membership cards on both sides. A card(board) wallet may be considered in future.

'Pop into Pock' open day: Saturday 27th September 10am–1pm. Venues: All Saints Church, Arts Centre, Pocela Centre. U3a will take a table in PAC studio. NB showed us the A3 photo montage of u3a groups that he has prepared for tabletop display.

Drop-in quiz: this was very successful. RW has said that she would be happy to prepare another quiz for future drop-in. *See upcoming events.*

Tree planting: MS has followed up many leads for a location but so far there are no definite takers. Burnby Hall have expressed an interest in having a bench outside the hall, which could carry a dedication plaque, but could cost c.£1,000.

Recommended that we wait for 'tree planting season', and also until any redevelopment work outside Burnby Hall is completed. On hold for future meeting.

4. Chair's report:

SE reported a request for an 'Amateur Radio Enthusiasts' group. We await further details.

5. Vice Chair's report:

As mentioned RW is happy to prepare future quiz sessions.

6. Treasurer's report:

Welcome to Richard Antcliffe who will take over the role of treasurer gradually over the next few months.

Current balance: £6557.31. The new bank mandate is progressing. New signatories may receive an email asking them to verify their identity. If unsure of the validity of such an email contact DH who has a secure verification number. Once this is completed DH will remove previous signatories, and set up the on-line 'Banking for Communities' facility. DH will complete this matter before handing over to RA.

Health & Safety: DH has been dealing with this, but as this is not part of the treasurer's role we need to find someone to carry this forward. *Action:* PF knows of a u3a member who has H&S experience and will see if they could be encouraged to step forward.

Equipment requests from u3a groups: Ukulele group 1 now have their sound and safety equipment. Film group request for a new projector is still pending.

7. Membership Secretary's update:

C.B. reported that we now have 726 paid up members, and two attending 'members' who have not yet paid up.

Eligibility for u3a membership: CB has received an email from a young person who would like to join the Film group. Discussion about eligibility, and desirability of accepting 'young' members, followed. SE established that there does not seem to be an age requirement. The requirement 'no longer in full time employment' is ambiguous. *Action:* CB will contact Brian

James of Film group to find out more, perhaps this person might be happy to be a volunteer? Agreed that any similar requests in future will be considered case by case.

8. Secretary's report:

RK has nothing to report that has not already been covered.

9. Groups:

LS has circulated email about current group status.

Wine Appreciation group is separating from u3a.

Pub Lunch 1 is still having difficulty arranging lunches.

Associate members: CB reported that many u3as outside the Humber Accord group have an 'associate membership' arrangement whereby members may 'join' other u3as for a reduced annual fee. York u3a is an example. DH pointed out that we currently pay £5/6 p.a. to u3a for every member, and reduced fees would be complicated to set up. CB reported that currently only 6 members use the Accord facility. It was suggested that York u3a join the Humber Accord group. Agreed not to pursue associate membership at this time.

10. Windows Upgrade:

Currently we hold 4 laptops for use by committee members. LS has requested an additional laptop. This was agreed. *Action: NB will contact LS.*

At some point over the next 12 months the 4 older laptops will need to be upgraded to Windows 11, or replaced with newer machines so they all operate in a similar way.

11. Upcoming events:

Games afternoon on 25th October is progressing well.

Future drop-ins: following the success of the Photography group's display last month RK suggested that we invite other visual arts groups to prepare similar displays.

'Restart the Heart' day: 16th November. DH will think about an appropriate display for the November drop-in.

October drop-in:

Please would RW prepare another quiz for this drop-in?

Disco: Friday 3rd October at Burnby Hall. PS reported that 72 tickets have been sold. 90 is the maximum. Disco lights, sound system, and *back-up* sound system are all organized.

Action: NB and RK will lend extension leads. If you can help to set up chairs, etc, please arrive from 5pm.

Midwinter Music:

PF suggested that we invite South Cave u3a singing group to join us, on the basis that they approached us recently to ask if any Pock members might like to join them. Agreed. *Action: PF will contact the group leader to invite them.*

12. Hands that Heal:

RW has received an email asking if they may be included on our website under 'Community Interest'. It is not our policy to promote commercial interests, so request declined.

13. AOB:

Following on from previous item DH suggested we might consider having a 'Well-being' event in future. In which case we would discuss inviting local organizations that promote well-being. Agreed this is a good idea to bring forward to a future meeting.

Macmillan Coffee morning: Friday 26th September, 9.30am, Burnby Hall. MS drew our attention to this non-u3a, but worthwhile, event.

U3a property held by individuals: PF asked if there is an up to date list of u3a equipment, and if so is this available for all groups to see in case they wish to borrow something? DH has an old list, and LS has a more up to date list. *Action: DH will liaise with LS to update the list, and make it available to member groups.*

PRITC local volunteer awards: RK reported that LS has asked if we would like to nominate our u3a group leaders, en masse, to receive this award from PRITC. Agreed in principle. The awards ceremony will take place at Burnby Hall on Monday 17th October.

Date of next committee meeting: Tuesday 21st October 2025, 10am, Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

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