AWAKE

Committee Meeting

5th November 2024

Minutes

Present: Sue McPhee, Mark Beaumont , Gwynneth Carmichael ,Steve Clark, Francis Davies, Angela Dixon , Sue Dyson , Chris Moody, Lynn Quantrill,Chris Watson

1. Apologies for absence: Yvonne Crabtree

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes and not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

CW has not yet responded to an email from RD but will do so shortly after the Committee meeting.

The change to the Signatory on the Bank Account has now been completed.

LQ has provided the information required to AD.

4.Chairman's Report

SMc and SD received information on 4th November about a Zoom meeting to be held on 11th November which required either the Chair or Secretary of AWAKE to attend online. This was to agree the proposed Constitution for YAHR Network . As AWAKE Committee have no one available to attend the Zoom meeting, SMc will notify Pat Collard that we, AWAKE committee, agree to the proposed Constitution although we cannot send an attendee.

SMc advised that 3 members have expressed an interest in joining AWAKE Committee . It was agreed that they should be invited to the Committee Meeting on January 7th 2025.

SMc has been advised by St Andrews Memorial Hall that the Hall fees will remain the same with no increase in 2025.

5. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) September/October amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out .

3) Debit Account.

Payment in for Microsoft.

4) Membership

Up to date with renewals

L Quantrill – Treasurer

6. Christmas

The planning for the Pantomime, based on the script CW had obtained for the Committee, is well on the way to being ready for the Christmas event. SMc sent an email out to members inviting them to submit Poems or Written work for the event and has already received some contributions.

7. Relationship with other local Groups as requested by CW

CW and LQ attended the last ACCORD meeting where the Open Door policy was discussed. As a result of that discussion , CW proposed to the Committee that AWAKE should accept and implement the ACCORD Open Door policy used by other local u3as in the ACCORD group. This proposal to accept the Open-Door policy was Seconded by LQ. Following some discussion, it was agreed that AWAKE will take on the Open-Door policy from April 1st 2025 but with the proviso that AWAKE reserve the right to reverse this decision should it create difficulties for Group Leaders. AWAKE Committee will review how it is working after 1 year. This decision will be notified to Hazel Ward at ACCORD by SMc.

8. **Website Presentation by Chris Moody**

CM gave the Committee an excellent presentation on the new AWAKE website he has been busy developing. He also asked for decisions from the Committee on some parts of the website.

CM pointed out that the new website has a new name (awake.u3a.uk) but the old website, if used, redirects to the new site but only for the next 3 months.

CM explained that the links used work differently on the new site and some do not provide a tab so the user is unable to return to the previous page unless they use the back arow on the top left . Most links upload as a tab which can be closed to return to the previous page. CM will look at setting up all links to a tab to resolve this.
A Review of the website Privacy Policy at the meeting resulted in some minor wording changes. The Committee agreed that the Website can be Adopted as of this day the 5th November 2024. SD to log on to the u3a Portal to notify that AWAKE has activated the new website.

Group leaders will not all have access to update their sections directly on the website but it could be possible, in the future, for some Group Leaders to be able to update directly if required.

The Committee thanked Chris Moody for the enormous thought and effort he has put in to develop this much improved website which AWAKE are delighted with.

9. Membership Secretary
Nothing to report.

10 Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

There were 3 expressions of Interest for the formation of a Spanish Group at the last General Meeting and 2 more since then.
Very recently there has also been some interest in setting up a Golf group

11. Newsletter
Nothing to report

12 .Website
Chris Moody did a presentation of the New Website which he has been working on for some time. Chris will attend the Group Leaders Meeting in January 2025 to demonstrate the new website to them.

13. Speaker Finder
Nothing to report as SMc has speakers booked for 2025

14. Beacon
CW still dealing with some handover issues regarding the Administrator role.

15. Health and Safety
Nothing to report.

16. Any Other Business
An Extraordinary Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 with 59 members present. This was to hold a vote on the Appointment of Sue McPhee to Chair of AWAKE u3a. The vote was unanimously agreed by the 59 members present with one member abstaining.
SMc had received a request from the Chess Group for cushions for the seats at Willerby Institute where they hold their Group Meeting. It was agreed that there would be a number of issues with cleanliness s and storage, and this was not viable.
Recently there has been issues with locating the microphone at the General Meeting at the Memorial Hall and also at Quiz nights at Anlaby Village Hall. It was agreed that SMc will look into possibly of purchasing a microphone with speaker for AWAKE . The Committee agreed expenditure up to £100 for this purpose.

15. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting
Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 3rd December 2024, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 12:10

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Signed by ……………………………………………………. Date……………………