

Minutes

Present: Sue McPhee, Mark Beaumont, Gwynneth Carmichael, Steve Clark, Yvonne Crabtree, Angela Dixon, Sue Dyson.

1. Apologies for absence: Francis Davies, Lynn Quantrill, Chris Watson

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record with an amendment to those present and to the AOB section

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

SMc has informed Hazel Ward that AWAKE Committee have agreed to use the Open Door Policy from 1st April 2025 with the proviso that we will review to ensure there is no impact on Groups and Finance. SMc has also informed Pat Collard that we agree the proposed Constitution for YAHR but were unable to vote as no Committee member was available to do so.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc has had 2 emails to raise with the Committee. The 1st email came from a student at York University who was looking, as part of a Project, to interview u3a Members over 50 who have retired in the last 5 years. The Committee felt that this would not be appropriate for AWAKE bearing in mind most of our members retired more than 5 years ago.

The 2nd email was from someone from a Commercial Company and was not appropriate for u3a.

5. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) October/November amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

Up to date with renewals

Lynn Quantrill – Treasurer

6. Christmas

The planning for the Pantomime, based on the script CW had obtained for the Committee, is complete. There are Poems or Written work to be read at the event. 100 Mince pies will be ordered and Biscuits offered as an alternative to the pies.

7. Membership Secretary

Nothing to report.

8. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

CW has a 8 names for a Spanish Group hopefully starting in January. The Bridge Group have asked if AWAKE would be willing to pay for a new table for the Willerby Institute. The Institute will fund one if AWAKE fund the other. Cost will be requested before a decision is made.

The date and venue for the Group Leaders Meeting was discussed and agreed as Friday 31st January at 2pm at Cottingham Parks. SMc to confirm the date and time with the venue. The cost will be £6.75 per head plus £100 for the use of the room.

YC made the Committee aware that she has had a request from a member of her Cinema Group to change the day they meet to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. She has canvassed group members but there wasn't a conclusive response. YC has decided to check what films are available in the 3rd week of the month and let the group decide which day to go.

9. Newsletter

Michael Ebeling has emailed SMc about support for the distribution of the Newsletter. GC has offered to talk to Michael and SD will also be able to help if required.

10 .Website

GC reported that a new member had given her very positive feedback on the new website.

11. Speaker Finder

SMc reported that Mike Wood, a Town Crier, has offered to do a talk at a General Meeting on his role in 2026.

12. Beacon

Nothing to Report

13. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business

MB agreed to investigate if a microphone could be found which can be used when internet access is not available.

AD requires a downloadable Auditors Letter and Signoff Report for her to send electronically to the Charity Commission. AD also requires a PDF list of all members who have signed up to Gift Aid.

SMc Reported that the Social Event held at St Andrews Memorial Hall was a great success.

MB talked about an event organised in Hull called the City Nature Challenge where local people were invited to photograph and submit their Photos of things in Hull. He suggested AWAKE might consider doing something like this for members. It was agreed this was a good idea and Members will be invited to submit entries.

15. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 7th January 2025, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 11:45

Signed by Date.....