

Minutes

Present: Sue McPhee (Chair), Mark Beaumont , Francis Davies, Angela Dixon , Sue Dyson, Lynn Quantrill.

Guests: Judy Rogerson, Chris Toffolo, Mel Wood.

1. Apologies for absence:, Gwynneth Carmichael ,Steve Clark, Yvonne Crabtree ,Chris Watson

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record.

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

SMc reported that there has been no update on the proposed Spanish Group. Following discussion about the purchase a table for the Chess Group, Judy Rogerson offered to provide a table for the Group. It was decided to accept this offer and also AWAKE will fund a new table for £50.

Cottingham Parks has been booked for the Group Leaders event to be held on Friday 31st January 2025 at 2pm. Chris Moody will be asked to do a Presentation on the new AWAKE website.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc indicated that , following the decision to adopt the Open Door policy used by ACCORD members , the membership forms will require updating to remove references to Associate Members. FD will distribute a proposed revised form to the Committee for discussion.

SMc has had an email from Susan Lowry about the School Readers Scheme. LQ advised she is already in another scheme if members are interested in taking up this activity.

SMc has had an email from Mike Richings at YAHR asking for AWAKE Officers Contact Details. SD will contact Mike and provide the information required.

5. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) November/December amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

A few more memberships coming in.

Lynn Quantrill – Treasurer

7. Membership Secretary

Nothing to report. AWAKE currently has 481 members, of which 30 are Associate Members.

8. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

Nothing to report.

9. Newsletter

Mel Wood has kindly offered to talk to Michael Ebeling about helping with the distribution of the Newsletter.

10 .Website

MB has suggested some updates for the new website. He will discuss with Chris Moody.

11. Speaker Finder

All speakers have been booked for 2025 monthly meetings.

12. Beacon

Nothing to Report

13. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business

MB look into the information on functionality and costing on the information provided to SMC at a recent event about a possible suitable microphone.

SMC Reported that some photos have already been submitted for the Nature Photo competition suggested by MB.

SMC and several Committee members had been to Beverley Minster before Christmas to view the Christmas Trees. There was some discussion about the possibility of taking part in this activity next Christmas. AWAKE could use this opportunity to advertise our u3a The cost for the real tree is £60 and would be provided for us ready to decorate. After the event the tree it would be given to AWAKE. It was agreed to discuss this further at the February Committee Meeting.

There was some discussion about planning events for 2025. It was agreed that an Open Day in the Spring would be good to consider possibly during the Easter Holidays when Halls are not being used by other groups. This event and a possible Members Day in August will be on the Agenda of the February Committee Meeting.

15. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 4th February, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 11:35

Signed by Date.....