

Minutes

Present: Sue McPhee (Chair), Mark Beaumont, Steve Clark, Gwynneth Carmichael, Francis Davies, Angela Dixon, Sue Dyson, Lynn Quantrill, Chris Watson, Judy Rogerson, Chris Toffolo, Mel Wood.

1. Apologies for absence: Yvonne Crabtree.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc reported that Denise Roberts has offered to help with the Newsletter with assistance from Mel Woods. There has been a poor response from Group Leaders to the Open Day on 9th April. There are concerns that there will not be many Groups represented at the event.

SMc has been notified that the Kirkella Memorial Hall will not be available for any events in August and also July due to the renovation work. It was agreed that the General Meeting in August should be cancelled but AWAKE should investigate booking St Lukes Hall as a contingency for the July meeting. Membership can be informed about the cancellation of the August meeting in the next Newsletter and also the potential change of venue for the July meeting.

Mike who leads the 2 Tai Chi Groups is retiring in September so there is a need to find a new Leader.

5. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) February/March amounts of inter

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

Payments coming in

Lynn Quantrill – Treasurer

LQ confirmed that in the Current Statement of Accounts Membership 'Out' Column the recorded £60 was correct. This amount is a return of 4 membership payments (£15 x4)

6. Membership Secretary

300 Membership forms for 2025/2026 have been processed so far. Most of these were paid using cheques or BACS with a smaller number in cash. There are 19 new members so far and 5 previous Associate members have now joined AWAKE.

7. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

The Spanish Group is going well and is taking part at the Willerby Institute. Other interests have been identified including Line Dancing, Golf and Signing Language.

CW reported that the Pickle Ball leaders had been approached by a 17 year old who asked to join them. CW had looked into this and, being advised by the 3rd Age Trust, responded that under 18s could not join u3a. There followed a discussion about whether the wording of the Constitution has changed as the Committee understood that membership is only possible for retired and semi-retired adults. CW will check the current wording.

8. AGM in June

AGM to be held on 18th June 2025. SD told the meeting she will not be able to attend to take the Minutes as she will be away.

It was agreed that the crib sheet from last year should be copied and updated for the meeting. SD will check the minutes of the 2024 AGM and provide details to the Committee of any re-elections required.

Judy Rogerson, Chris Toffolo and Mel Wood all wish to stand for the Committee.

YC has already indicated that she will be standing down at the AGM.
Judy Rogerson agreed, if elected, will shadow SMC for the Speaker Finder role.
MB will be shadowing SD for Business Secretary role.
Mel Wood, if elected, will be shadowing Michael Ebeling for Newsletter distribution.
AD will consider taking up the Vice Chair or the Chair role but needs time to think about it.
Chris Toffolo agreed, if elected, to shadow LQ for the Treasurer role
FD agreed to continue as Publicist.
Steve and Denise Roberts will continue to prepare the Newsletter.
SD will continue as Business Secretary.

9. Newsletter

SMC to send the photos from the Nature competition to Steve Roberts for inclusion in the Newsletter

10. Website

Nothing to report.

11. Speaker Finder

All speakers have been booked for 2025 monthly meetings. SMC telephoned Burgess Ice cream in Beverly to discuss whether they could provide a speaker to talk about their 100 years celebration, but this doesn't seem to be a possibility.

12. Beacon

Nothing to report.

13. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business

Following some discussion about the number of laptops and other equipment AWAKE hold, it was agreed to locate the Asset list. This is needed as some of our equipment requires PAT testing. SC will arrange testing once the asset list is checked and the relevant equipment can be identified.

SD will check what version of MS Office is on the Business Secretary Laptop.

AD told the meeting that the Gift Aid Authorisation form has been sent in but will take 5 weeks to process. She needs authorisation before she can claim Gift Aid for AWAKE but once authorised can claim 1 year we are due.

15. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 6th May 2025, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 11:50

Signed by Date.....