

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for absence: Gwynneth Carmichael, 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 the Bridge Group gratefully accept the table donated by Judy Rogerson but will not need another one at the moment.

Michael Ebeling told SMc that he is thankful for the offer from Mel Wood to help him with the Newsletter distribution but need help from someone who has access to a computer. Mel will discuss options with Michael.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc reported that the Group Leaders Event held at Cottingham Parks on 31st January was a great success. The Group Leaders particularly enjoyed the presentation by Chris Moody about the New AWAKE Website which he has worked so hard on. The Committee wanted to reiterate again their thanks to Chris. A discussion took place around the decision not to charge Associate members and also how such members would show on Beacon. Also Paypal had been proposed as a payment method for membership but no decision was taken. This would need to be discussed at the next meeting.

SMc and AD attended the recent ACCORD meeting and were happy to update that it was a much more positive experience and useful for AD as the theme was 'Spotlight on Treasurers'. 8 out of the 11 ACCORD member u3as use Beacon. Hazel Ward is stepping down as Interim Chair of ACCORD but going forward it has been agreed that the Chair at each meeting will be a u3a Chair in turn alphabetically, with SMc from AWAKE being the first person chairing the next ACCORD meeting.

SMc reported Margaret Fiddes has stepped down as YAHR Chair. AWAKE have been asked to vote for 2 people to represent YAHR on the National Council. There are 4 candidates, 2 of which are known to many of the Committee. As we have 2 votes to appoint 2 individuals (due to number of AWAKE members) it was agreed to cast votes for Brian Cave and Pat Collard. Proposed by Francis Davies and seconded by Judy Rogerson.

SD will vote on behalf of AWAKE

5. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) December/January amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

Static now

Lynn Quantrill – Treasurer

There was a brief discussion about the impact of the closure, due shortly, of the NatWest Bank at Willerby. LQ does not believe it will cause AWAKE any great problems.

7. Membership Secretary

Nothing to report. Updated Membership forms for 2025/2026 agreed at the meeting.

8. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

No update on the potential Spanish Group or potential interest in a Golf Group.

The Milkshake Bar in Willerby Square have offered AWAKE and its Groups the use of their premises. Usage would be free but they would hope attendees would purchase a drink. It is not certain how much room there is for meetings but the Group Leaders will be advised of the offer so they can decide whether it would work for them.

Paul Newman has agreed to take over the Short Walking Group following the passing of Ian Jones.

9. Newsletter

Nothing to report.

10 .Website

Nothing to report.

11. Speaker Finder

All speakers have been booked for 2025 monthly meetings. SMc is looking at potential speakers for 2026 and has had an email from Age UK asking if we can let members know about opportunities to volunteer and offering to talk about their activities.

12. Beacon

AD has taken part in a couple of courses which she recommended as she found them very useful.

13. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business

SMc Reported that some photos have already been submitted for the Nature Photo competition suggested by MB. It was agreed to extend the deadline to the end of February.

YC asked whether the Committee wanted to take part in the Scarecrow Hunt again this year. After some discussion it was decided not to do this particularly, because the footfall is not great at Willerby Institute where it would be located. The Committee agreed that the Beverley Minster Christmas Tree event in December would be a better way to publicise AWAKE.

There was some discussion about planning events for 2025. It was agreed that an Open Day in the Spring should be held in the Easter Break on April 9th 2025 at the Memorial Hall. SMc will check with Liz Telford on availability and the Group Leaders will be asked to contribute stalls and exhibitions to demonstrate Group activities.

An AWAKE u3 Day will be held in August. SMc to check with Liz Telford about a suitable date. Details to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Yvonne Crabtree is stepping down from the Committee at the AGM in June.

15. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 11:45

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