

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for absence: Lynn Quantrill

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Some issues were identified. Updated corrected Minutes to be issued to the Committee for agreement.

3. Matters Arising

SMc confirmed she had notified Roger Coates that, unless a new leader can be found for the Cambridge Trip, it cannot go ahead. Roger has responded to say he understands this decision.

CW has discussed with LQ the query raised last month on the amount of money shown on the Accounts as being held by the Ukulele Group. CW followed up with a conversation with Group Leaders and established there is not an issue..

SMc told the Committee of the response received regarding AWAKE sponsoring a Christmas Tree at Beverley Minster Christmas event in December. The event lasts from 5th to 14th December with the decorating Day being on 4th December and Private Viewing on the 5th December, although it is not clear who attends the private viewing. The cost of sponsorship is £60. There followed a discussion about the type of blue and yellow decoration AWAKE could use to promote u3a. It was agreed Baubles in both colours would be appropriate and also asking the Craft Group, and maybe members, for ideas and contributions. JR suggested having a theme so that will be discussed at next Committee meeting.

SMc produced some ideas for the two 6ft by 2ft Banners which were agreed at the last meeting with suggestions from Committee using examples of the most popular Groups and possibly photos. SMc to check with the company used for the previous Banner on possibilities. To be discussed further to get ideas.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc attended a Zoom session of the YAHR Forum which included discussion on the Council Meeting, Access to Beacon, Trustee Delegation Rules and a Proposal to have a library for Music. The Committee agreed it might be useful to suggest something which would help the Play Reading Group to source material.

The session was told that Margaret Fiddes will be Chair of YAHR

SMc has been advised that by Willerby Memorial Hall that renovation work planned for August and possibly July is now not going ahead. This means that the July meeting can go ahead as planned, with a speaker about the Sam Allon company in our usual venue. There was some discussion about reinstating the August meeting but it was agreed this could cause confusion. Members will be advised of the plan for July Meeting at the Willerby Memorial Hall.

The AGM was held on 18th June with 15% of membership in attendance thus meeting the constitutional requirements. SMc welcomed the new Committee members and those re-elected to the Committee.

5. July and August General Meetings

As Chairman's report, see above.

6. Membership Secretary

As of 27th June 2025, AWAKE has: 456 members of which 26 are ACCORD members.

Gwynneth Carmichael

Membership Secretary

7. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) May/June amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

Payments still coming in

Angela Dixon on behalf of Treasurer

AD advised on a recent course with u3a that as best practice a second person should check accounts against Beacon and the bank statements to protect the treasurer and committee members. I believe this was done previously with LQ and DR. AD will discuss with LQ, to get her thoughts and an action plan

8. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

CW summarised the results from the surveys Members had completed at the AGM on 18th June. Suggestions came for the creation of new Groups members might like to join. These included Line Dancing, Yoga and Chair Yoga, Day Trips and Spanish. The Committee discussed these options as well as suggestions at the Committee meeting including a Garden Party to attract new members, Cycling or bus challenges such as how far you could get in one day and Jam and Baking competitions. There was a suggestion that the Committee should acquire and wear name badges to u3a events so members know who we all are. All these to be followed up.

AD told the meeting that she has found someone to take on the Tai Chi Groups when the current leader finishes in September. It may cost more money but seems like a good resolution. AD will follow up and report back to the Committee.

9. Newsletter

Due to current production issues, it will not be possible to circulate the Newsletter in August. It was agreed to inform members that the Newsletter would not be produced and distributed until September, due to unforeseen circumstances. SMC to discuss with Denise Roberts about this and notify members.

10. Website

Nothing to report.

11. Speaker Finder

SMC has Speakers identified for the rest of 2025 and the whole of 2026 and is looking into possibilities for 2027...

12. Beacon

CW and GC to have a discussion about any issues.

13. Health and Safety

SC has arranged for the PAT testing to take place at the Willerby Institute from 10am on Wednesday 20th August 2025. Anyone with u3a equipment should bring all their equipment with them for checking and testing. The equipment in the lockup will be transported and checked and it will be possible to identify any redundant equipment and update the Asset register. CW will notify Group Leaders and advise anyone who is unable to attend on the date to get in touch with SC.

14. Any Other Business

None

Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 5th August 2025, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 11:50

Signed by Date.....