

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for absence: Gwynneth Carmichael

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

AD informed the meeting that she has now been accepted as the contact for the Gift Aid process and has updated all the information they hold for AWAKE. Now only AD can complete the Gift Aid form, and all changes have now been notified to the Charity Commission.

SMc reported that the Bingo Afternoon at Springhead Golf Club on Tuesday 14th October 2025 was well supported and went well.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc was unable to attend the ACCORD meeting due to illness. The next meeting will be attended by Brian Cave and Pat Collard and any questions for them should be submitted before the next ACCORD meeting. Hornsea u3a have received a grant of £3,000 but it was not clear what the Grant was for. Beverley u3a are working on Green initiatives.

SMc asked if anyone knew anyone who is involved in making the Post Box Toppers we can see in our villages. This might be something AWAKE could consider doing to raise our profile.

5. Membership Secretary

GC sent her apologies to the meeting but provided the Business Secretary with an update as follows including information provided by the Treasurer:

89% of members have an email address

With effect from 1st April 2025 AWAKE have 64 new members, 16 of whom have joined since 1st September 2025. The number of non-renewals is 62, nearly all of which are resignations. The majority of ACCORD Members belong to the Chess Group and the Pickle Ball group.

Gwynneth Carmichael

Membership Secretary

6. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) September/October amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

Most payments up to date.

Lynn Quantrill

Treasurer

7. Christmas Meeting

It was agreed that there would be the usual Christmas songs, 12 Days of Christmas and a 'Pass the Parcel' . The 4 parcels would be prepared by AD and GC and would have small items in the same layers of each parcel. The Ukulele and Guitar groups will each perform 1 to 2 songs as the time for all activities will be limited. Refreshments will be Tea and Mince Pie. There still has been very little response to the request from SMC to members for Poetry and Readings. Final Discussion is to continue at the next Committee meeting.

8. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

The Guitar Group are now meeting at St Marks Hall at Anlaby Common.

A lady has approached CW about setting up a Meditation Group. It is believed she may not be an AWAKE member at the moment but further information about her proposal will be obtained.

MW is having a meeting today with Springhead Golf Club about the possible days and times AWAKE could book to use the 2 Bowling Greens for Croquet and Bowls. The season is now finished but likely to restart in May following the proposed renovation. JR has kindly offered Croquet equipment should we be able to set up a Group.

9. Newsletter and Distribution

FD suggested that an item is placed in the Newsletter asking for people to prepare the Newsletter longer term. JR and CT are willing to look at what is involved and consider taking this on. FD will send the template being used, and the latest newsletter to them for review.

MW told the meeting that he and Dave Lambert will use the current process this month but with the new list of distributors. This will be reviewed and a decision made whether to continue with the current process or create a new process.

MB will send FD the dates for the next Nature Group for inclusion.

10. Website

Nothing to report

11. Speaker Finder

Nothing to report as all speakers booked for 2026.

12. Beacon

MW is still having problems accessing Beacon.

13. Health and Safety

SC told the meeting that PAT testing had gone well, and he has sent asset details to LQ who is putting together the final list of Assets.

14. Any Other Business

It has come to our notice that a member of AWAKE has been told by Hessle u3a that they have to pay to join Hessle u3a to take part on one of their Groups. SMC ask ACCORD to remind ACCORD members of the agreement in place is not to charge members from other u3as.

It was agreed that AWAKE would not charge any new members who join in January, February or March.

AWAKE need someone to audit the Accounts who is not a committee member.

15. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 2nd December 2025, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 11:50

Signed by Date.....