

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for absence:, Chris Toffolo, Chris Watson.

2. Minutes of the last meeting,

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

SMc reported that she has contacted the Supermarkets which the Committee had identified as possible venues for publicising AWAKE and the planned Open Day. Sadly few of them responded, apart from Aldi who said they could not accommodate us. The Committee agreed that there was no point in pursuing this approach.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc thanked GC for finding a new Auditor for AWAKE as discussed at the last meeting.

SMc shared with the Committee 2 pieces of information received about Sledmere House recital on 13th September with tickets at £35 and information received from Cairngorm Travel.

SMc will raise the issue of Associate Members payments at the next ACCORD meeting as the recent issues appear to be continuing. Liz Telford has asked for details of the AWAKE Insurance policy to be communicated to her as not yet received. SD to Action with Information from LQ.

GC raised her concerns about the current format of the Minutes for the Committee Meetings. Further discussion will take place at the next Committee Meeting in April..

5. Membership Secretary

GC indicated that the link for the trial of the Beacon based solution will be sent after 11th March. This will be sent to the 2 Ukulele Groups, Sunshine Strummers and Barely Awake and the AWAKE Committee members. GC reported that renewal forms are already coming in to her following their inclusion in the last Newsletter.

6. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) January/February amounts of interest

Room hire payments in and out.

3) Debit Account.

No movement

4) Membership

Payments up to date. Payments received for 2026/2027 and being kept to one side until renewal date of 1st April.

Lynn Quantrill

Treasurer

AD is experiencing issues with the new Bank Card from NatWest and SMC is also experiencing some access problems. There is also concern that some banks are now charging for processing cheques. At the moment this does not apply to NatWest, but the Committee were made aware that it may do in the future.

7. Open Day Planning.

As per Chairmans report, above, the planned publicity events will not be possible for the Open Day to be held on March 25th at Willerby Memorial Hall from 1:30 to 3:30. FD has printed some flyers and posters for distribution. Committee members took copies to be distributed wherever possible to local businesses and Public Notice Boards. Boards and Tables are being requested, and FD will post on the appropriate Facebook page. AWAKE also need someone to organise Tea and Coffee for the event.

SMc asked if anyone can look at the Computer used for presentations at the Monthly General Meetings at the Memorial Hall as it does not seem to be connecting to the screen that AWAKE usually use.

8. Fundraising for the Memorial Hall

The Quiz, organised by CW, will take place from 7pm on Saturday 18th April at Willerby Memorial Hall. There will be tables of 4. The Table Top event will be held on Saturday 30th May at Willerby Memorial Hall and will include Craft tables but it is too early to publicise this at the moment. It was agreed that AWAKE should charge £10 for a large table and £5 for the smaller tables. Blind Tombola will be included using items left over from the Christmas Event.

9. Easter Meeting

It was agreed that , due to Easter being earlier this year , the usual Easter activities would not be appropriate on the 15th April monthly meeting. A Speaker will be identified for this meeting .

10. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

Nothing to report but AD told the meeting that she had had good feedback form the newly formed Photography Group.

11. Newsletter and Distribution

MW reported told the meeting that he thought everything had gone well with no feedback. The Committee wish to thank CT for an excellent first production of the Newsletter.

12. Website

Nothing to report.

13. Speaker Finder

SMc has passed JR a folder with all the information and a list of contacts and bookings. A Speaker for the April meeting is needed.

14. Beacon

Nothing to report.

15. Health and Safety

Nothing to Report

16. Any Other Business

AD commented that recent lower numbers for Tai Chi may cause a shortfall on fees for classes, if it continues. This would mean increasing the charge to Group members.

It was agreed that a Spring Photography competition could be initiated.

MB suggested the Committee review 2 of the local free magazines, advertising groups and businesses. with a view to taking a page for AWAKE. The Committee considered that £100 for a full page was a little expensive but more importantly, as the magazines are also delivered to other local u3a areas, it should be raised at the next ACCORD meeting for discussion.

17. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 7th April 2026, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 11:30

Signed by Date.....