

Minutes

Present: Sue McPhee (Chair), Gwynneth Carmichael, Angela Dixon, Sue Dyson, Chris Toffolo, Chris Watson.

1. Apologies for absence: Mark Beaumont, Steve Clark, Francis Davies, Lynn Quantrill, Judy Rogerson, Mel Woods.

2. Minutes of the last meeting,

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

SMc reported that she has booked Colin Bradshaw for the April General meeting.

GC told the meeting that she does not think a discussion about the format of the minutes is appropriate at the moment.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc reported that Open Day was a Great success with more people coming into the Hall and new members signing up. It is thought that the new banners attracted attention on the day and posters around the area also contributed.

Mel has reported to SMC that the Bowls season is between Monday April 13th and September 6th but he has been told that an AWAKE Group using the Bowling Green at Springhead was not now possible as it would require a regular booking of the Green which is not allowed. Other options were discussed including using West Park. Further discussion is needed at the next Committee Meeting as an Agenda Item.

5. Membership Secretary

GC indicated that the trial of the Beacon online membership facility had been a success and the Committee agreed that this method could be used for next year renewals.

GC reported that renewal forms for 2026/2027 continue to come in. It was agreed that Membership extension should be until April 30th. As a result of the Open Day, on March 25th, 6 new members have been signed up and 1 ACCORD member. GC commented that some members are still not enclosing stamped addressed envelopes for their new Membership cards.

GC confirmed to SD that the number for the u3a Annual Return is 511 AWAKE members as at 31st March 2026.

6. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) February/March 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 being processed.

Angela Dixon on behalf of Treasurer

AD reported that she has had some training with LQ on the AWAKE account to enable full backup for the Treasurers function. Some issues were raised at the Committee meeting about the use of some of the categories and why the 'Refreshments' amount is much lower in the latest Monthly account. AD to discuss with LQ on her return.

7. 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 and a Blind Tombola will be included using items left over from the Christmas Event.

The Tabletop event will be held on Saturday 30th May at Willerby Memorial Hall and will include Craft tables but it is still 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.

8. Easter Meeting

A Speaker, Colin Bradshaw , has been identified for this meeting .

9. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

The first meeting of the Mindfulness Group will be held on 20th April at the Guide Hut on Willerby Main Street. 20 people have enrolled for this Group.

MB has offered to start a small Chess Group. Mr Pips was suggested as a possible venue. CW will follow this up.

10. Newsletter and Distribution

CT reported that the closing date for items for the next Newsletter is 30th April 2026. CW will remind Group Leaders about this date and the need to inform members of their activities. SMC will pass photos from the photographic competitions to CT.

11. Website

Nothing to report.

12. Speaker Finder

A Speaker for the Easter meeting has been found.

13. Beacon

Nothing to report.

14. Health and Safety

SC is reviewing the forms used by AWAKE.

15. AGM

The Committee reviewed documentation required for the AGM and a notice will put in the Newsletter announcing 17th June 2026 as the AGM date. FD will be asked to supply documentation to CT.

16. Any Other Business

It was agreed that holding another Group Leaders Meeting will be discussed at the next Committee meeting . CW asked SD to check for some documentation issued to Group Leaders last year which could be useful to them.

17. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 5th May 2026, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 12:30

Signed by Date.....