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Committee Meeting

5th May 2026

Minutes

Present: Sue McPhee (Chair), Mark Beaumont, Angela Dixon, Sue Dyson, Lynn Quantrill, Judy Rogerson, Chris Toffolo, Chris Watson Mel Woods.

1. Apologies for absence: Gwynneth Carmichael, Steve Clark, Francis Davies,

2. Minutes of the last meeting,

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

CD needed to finalise the content of Newsletter to change the section regarding Nomination forms as SD will not be available to deal with requests for the form. The wording will change to indicate forms should be copied from the website and posted to SD . CW to send the correct Form to Chris Moody for adding to the Website.

4. Chairman's Report

SMc told the meeting that Iain Cassidy had sent an email suggesting all u3as should write to their MPs about publicising u3a activities to encourage their constituents to join their local u3a.

SMC is hoping to join the Zoom discussion session for Chairs on 13th May.
SMc was not able to attend the ACCORD meeting but summarised the items discussed in particular Gift Aid.

5. Membership Secretary Report
May 4th 2026
Membership Secretary Audit for Membership Year 26/27

Individual members	446 (87% of 25/26 total)
New members	41 since March 11th 2026. (.09%)
ACCORD members	23. (.05%)
Lapsed	106. (20%)
Payments	
Cheques	224. (50%)
BACS	171 (38%)
Cash.	29. (.06%)
PayPal	22. (.05%)
Gift Aid	25/26. 294. (65%)
Newsletter	
Hand/Post delivery.	139. (31%)
Email	161. (36%). 91% of members have an email address.
TAM Magazine.	241. (54%)
GYC	

There was also some discussion about the use of PayPal for online membership renewals, and it was agreed that an extra Agenda item should be added to the next Committee meeting which GC is able to attend for further discussion.

6. Treasurer's Report

1) Beacon Finance Report up to this date.

Statement of accounts given at meeting.

2) March/April 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.
Lynn Quantrill Treasurer

LQ told the meeting that she is having difficulty contacting the new Auditor which is worrying as the audit need to be competed by the AGM on June 17th 2026.
Another Agenda item to be added after the AGM is required to discuss the use of money held in the Account and ways it should be spent.

7. Fundraising for the Memorial Hall

The Quiz, organised by CW, took place Saturday 18th April at Willerby Memorial Hall and was very successful.
The Committee agreed that the Tabletop event due to be held on Saturday 30th May at Willerby Memorial Hall should be cancelled as only 9 tables have been booked.

8. AGM

We have no speaker yet for the AGM69, but SMc may have identified someone and will notify the Committee. The Committee reviewed the Information in the Newsletter for the AGM and CT updated the details of Committee, ie those standing down or renewing. There will be a vacancy for Business Secretary but SMc hopes to identify someone to take the role.

9. Interest Group Co-ordinator's Report

The first meeting of the Mindfulness Group was held on 20th April at the Guide Hut on Willerby Main Street and went very well. 20 people have enrolled for this Group.
It has been suggested that a Mens Group could be set up which will be looked into.

10. Group Leaders Meeting

To be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

11. Bowls Group

MW has not had a response, from the Parks contact at Hull City Council, to his question about payments to use the facility at West Park. MW will chase Stuart Carmichael again as the season has already started.

12. Newsletter and Distribution

CT asked the Committee to provide a final check at the meeting as she had completed the work ready to publish. MW indicated David and himself were planning to use the same process as they used last time and MW will contact GC for an updated list of members. SMc will support them as required.

13. Website

Nothing to report.

14. Speaker Finder

JR will start working on Speakers for next year.

15. Beacon

The Committee were concerned at the large numbers of lapsed members shown above in the Memberships report . CW will check on Beacon to establish where this figure has come from and whether the change to only allowing 1 month after renewal date for membership to stand could be the reason or if members paying via BACs doesn't get recorded.

16. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

17. Any Other Business

There was a discussion about the ongoing issues with sound particularly for the General Meetings when AWAKE have a Speaker. The issue has caused a lot of problems at several events. CW pointed out that AWAKE has no control over the maintenance of the sound system and Liz Telford has been contacted about the problem, but no remedy has been suggested. There was a suggestion that a survey could be done of the facility to establish how improvements could be made but, as this is beyond the control of AWAKE, the Committee should look at getting equipment for our own use. CT offered to talk to someone she knows to see if they have a solution that might suit AWAKE. SMc will try to contact Liz to find if anything is planned with the Hall improvements.
An Agenda item was proposed for the meeting after the June AGM to review AWAKE Constitution

18. Date, Venue and time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 2nd June 2026, at Willerby Institute, Main Street, Willerby.

Meeting closed at 12:25

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Signed by ……………………………………………………….. Date……………………