

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Filey and District U3A Committee

Held: 13 October 2025 at St John's Church Centre commencing at 2pm

Present: Chris Place (CP); Tony Dawson (AD); Dave Thompson (DS); Howard Mitton (HM)  
Martin Hirst (MH); Margaret Bennet (MB), Ann Billingham (AB),  
Dorothy Caller (Mins) (DC)

Apologies: Elaine Taylor, David Smith, Peter Crooks

CP opened the meeting by welcoming 3 members to the meeting.

### **1. Matters arising from previous meetings:**

The Minutes from Committee meeting held 15 September 2025 were discussed and approved.

- a. Chairmans Report (b): Prospective committee members (MH, MB and AB) completed the Nomination Forms and were proposed and seconded by existing committee members.
- b. Treasurer' Report (b): HM advised that the £381 calendar money was being held as funding towards production of the 2026 calendars. It was explained to the committee that each year the committee has supporter Peter by contributing toward the printing.
- c. It was agreed that HM would deliver flowers to both Sue and Brenda as a token of thanks for their years supporting the committee and carrying out the catering at the monthly meetings.

### **2. Preparation for Members Monthly Meeting, 23 October**

- a. The meeting was advised that the North Yorkshire Rotters' talk will cover gardening, waste and recycling. CP advised that they did not expect a fee.
- b. DC advised she would support the catering until end of the membership year (March).

### **3. Chairmans' Report**

- a. CP advised that items had been offered to support a Christmas raffle from Pat McKay. DC to invite Pat to the next Committee Meeting in November and also to check Charity Commission rules for running a raffle.
- b. CP attended the 1 October 'Old Age Meeting' and raised that the request to share the Age UK Power of Attorney writing was passed to him. The Committee voiced that this had been raised at a previous meeting and the Committee did not support recommending any organisation to members, members should seek their own guidance through their solicitors or a trusted source.

### **4. Treasurers' Report**

- a. HM advised the cash balance £128.84 and bank balance £2,612.90 (excluding calendar monies). The current membership stood at 307, with 13 new members charged at the pro-rata amounts.
- b. MH to support HM as second Treasurer.
- c. Bulletin and website to remind members not to pay subscriptions until post AGM in January.
- d. Constitution to be checked regarding the increasing of the membership from £10 to £12 for next membership year. This facilitates the monthly pro-rata payments when new members join during the membership year.
- e. It was advised the following donations were approved for payment when requested:
  - i. Filey Bay £25

- ii. Wreath for November Remembrance Day £27.50 (AD to lay wreath)
- iii. Bandstand sponsorship £25

#### **5. Secretary Report**

- a. DC advised the job descriptions had been circulated to current committee members and requested that these were needed back and uploaded before the AGM.
- b. DC thanked the new Committee Members for their forms and in accordance with the Constitution allowing up to 3 new members being co-opted onto Committee they were subsequently welcomed to the Committee with immediate effect.
- c. Preparations for the AGM were raised, DC advised a timetable had been set up by DS previously:
  - i. Notice and Nominations for the new committee to be issued and nomination forms available on the website and at the members meeting. The notice to include any motions to be raised:
    - 1. Motion to increase membership fee from £10 to £12 per annum
  - ii. DC proposed that TAT be approached to amend the constitution by extending the length of service on committee from 6 years in post and 9 years on committee to 12 years for both roles.
  - iii. Committee Positions for 2026/27 becoming vacant will be
    - 1. Chairperson
    - 2. Speaker Finder
    - 3. Secretary
    - 4. Groups Co-ordinator

#### **6. Group Co-ordinator**

- a. No update due to DS on vacation.

#### **7. Membership Secretary Report**

- a. HM advised that surrounding caravan parks currently have contact details of Filey & District u3a and should they wish to join a Filey group during their holiday in Filey & District the pro-rata fee should be paid.
- b. HM circulated new 'paper' membership cards for 2026 subscription year.

#### **8. Speaker Finders Report**

- a. CP advised that the Hunmanby Ukulele group had been booked for the December meeting (Christmas)

#### **9. Communications**

- a. HM to remove items from bulletin relating to raffle until charity rules checked and also the notice offering services on Power of Attorney by AGE UK.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

- a. HM asked what was the length of the lease/contract on Beacon and the website? DS to advise on return from holiday.

#### **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting will be Monday 17 November at 2pm in St Johns Church.  
Next Members Meeting in will be Thursday 27 October at Sea Cadets.