

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

**Held: 13 April 2026 at the Conservative Club commencing at 4pm**

Present: Peter Crooks (PC), Anthony McKay (AMcK) Dorothy Caller (Mins) (DC)  
Tony Dawson (AD), Martin Hirst (MH), Pat McKay (PMcK), David Smith (DS)

Apologies: Howard Mitton (HM); Dave Thompson (DT)

PC opened the meeting and welcomed attendees to the new venue. Apologies for both HM and DT were given.

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

No matters arising from previous minutes.

The Minutes from Committee meeting held 16 March 2026 were approved as being correct.

### **2. Preparation for the Members Registration Meeting, 23 April 2026**

- a. DC advised that despite the diary manager/church representative, Hilary, from the Methodist church attending the church from 9am on Thursday, 23 April to operate the sound system, DS asked for a separate meeting to understand the new equipment before said members meeting. This took place on Thursday 2 April. Both DC and DS attended and were shown the kitchen and sound system. Hilary advised she would be attending most if not all the member meetings to operate the sound system. This was to eliminate anyone changing the settings on the media centre.
- b. Hilary also was asked if the u3a paperwork could be stored in the 'back room off the kitchen'. The catering supplies could not be stored due to lack of kitchen space, DC will take home to maintain stock and review post the members meeting.
- c. Hilary also advised that currently no spare key was available. During discussion at the meeting, PC concurred with DC that access to a key was not a requirement, but understood DS's experience from not gaining access to the church on a meeting date, therefore DS and PC requested that a phone number for Hilary was minimal.
- d. The nurse, Liz Mallet, will not have a visual presentation.

### **3. Groups and Group Co-ordinator**

- a. The meeting was reminded that this meeting would focus on groups. PMcK led the meeting with how she recorded members of her dining out group. PC and DS concurred they new the members of their groups and had equally effective methods of recording.
- b. DC agreed to work on pulling together an update to the Group Leaders booklet, supervised and with final approval by DS. This to involve updating the last version, including GDPR, photography, insurance and guidance to website as well as central u3a contacts and support. This to be produced as an A5 booklet.
- c. Discussion moved onto the Group Leaders meeting. DC advised she had an initial conversation with HM following her enquiry into alternate venues for the members meeting. DC suggested to the committee holding the Group leaders meeting being held in the Evron Centre and a food voucher to be used in a Filey café. The committee were content with this suggestion and asked that DC cost and check availability of room 20/21.

POST MEETING NOTE: DS advised the Golf Club would not charge for use of the room and those who attended 2025 were content with the meal option. AD had also raised parking issues in Filey to DS post meeting and this would not be an issue at the golf club. DC canvassed the remaining members of the attending committee who were content to hold the group leaders meeting at the golf club. It was assumed that as AD

approached DS to discuss parking that he was content the golf club was the preferred venue.

- d. DC raised that she had been asked to prepare a presentation on GDPR, Insurance and taking of photographs for the 2025 meeting. She felt that due the meeting only lasting one hour there was no time for the presentation or questions. It was suggested that a 2 hour meeting be held and the date agreed by the attendees at the meeting was 3 September for 1030-1230hrs.

POST MEETING NOTE: Following the change of venue post meeting, DS as group co-ordinator and also the most appropriate contact at the golf club was asked if he could put this date and time to the golf club administration. At the same time the suggestion for a meal/buffet could be raised to include vegetarian options.

- e. Extended discussion on suggested groups was held including a proposed Tea Dance and outings.
  - i. Tea Dance – to commence in September at Sea Cadets to last 2 hours. Tea and biscuits (not afternoon tea) to be provided for an initial cost of £5 per head.  
ACTIONS: (1) PC to contact Sea Cadets regarding best available day, it was suggested a Tuesday around noon as most shops in Filey are closed on Tuesday. PC to also ask if a sound speaker system was available. (2) DC to contact Filey Lions regarding use of mini bus to collect members from Filey Fields and/or Filey bus station. (3) AMcK to check if his music collection which PMcK suggested included 'big band' dance music (waltz, quick step, ect).
  - ii Discussion on the theatre group outings, which had ceased, extended into discussion about networking with neighbouring u3a groups, to support and boost numbers on possible outings their u3a may be running.  
ACTION: PC agreed to find contacts for other u3a's (Bridlington, Rydale and Driffeld). DS advised this information could possibly be found on the respective websites.

#### **4. Chairmans' Report**

- a. PC commented on the successful recording of renewing members at the March meeting which facilitated in the smooth updating of the Beacon system. Various members of the committee had also received supportive feedback from both group leaders and members regarding the availability of groups for discussion. He recommended that the March 2027 meeting be held in the same format.
- b. PC advised he will not be available from 11 May thru 30 May, AMcK to chair committee meeting in May.

#### **5. Treasurers' Report – POST MEETING**

- a. HM had given apologies and passed the financial information to DC. This was not covered within the one hour allocated for the meeting. The cash balance £372.33 and bank balance £3,401.15 (excluding calendar monies £381). The payment to the Methodist Church £80 for April had been taken from this balance.
- b. Both the Annual Return and TAT charges had been taken from the financial figures based on membership numbers of 271 submitted on 1 April 2026.

#### **6. Secretary Report**

- a. Nothing to report

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

- a. DT had given apologies.
- b. Membership numbers from Beacon totalled 279.

**8. Communications**

- a. The Bulletin was issued covering the change of venue from Sea Cadets to Methodist church, the new Spanish group and suggested Tea Dance.

**9. Any Other Business**

No other business

**Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting will be Monday 18 May at 4pm in the Conservative Club.

Next Members Meeting in will be Thursday 28 May at Methodist Church.