

Minutes of the Meeting of the Filey and District U3A Committee

Held: 18 May 2026 at the Conservative Club commencing at 4pm

Present: Peter Crooks (PC), Anthony McKay (AMcK) Dorothy Caller (Mins) (DC)
Howard Mitton (HM), Martin Hirst (MH), Pat McKay (PMcK), David Smith (DS)

Apologies: Tony Dawson (AD); Dave Thompson (DT)

PC opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Apologies for both TD and DT were given.

1. Matters arising from previous meetings:

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DS: to check the Golf Club can accommodate 3rd September for Group Leaders event for 2 hours with lunch/buffet post event. DS confirmed 10am-noon booked with lunch served at noon.

DC: using original group leaders handbook, update and add to, pass to David S for input and approval before printing in A5 format for September. DC: not yet complete.

PC: Initial enquiry if Sea Cadets can accommodate a once a month tea dance. PC: not yet complete and subsequently stopped as alternative venues still being sourced. Action passed to DC

AMcK: to check for big band music – ongoing and to bring forward.

DC: contact Filey Lions ref transport. DC: Lions asking for donation as opposed to fixed fee.

PC: tentative contact with neighbouring u3a's regarding networking (Bridlington, Ryedale and Driffild) and possibly supporting 'their' planned outings. PC: no responses, action passed to DC.

The Minutes from Committee meeting held 13 April 2026 were approved as being correct.

2. Preparation for the Members Meeting, 28 May 2026

- a. PC/DS advised the speaker for May did not have a presentation and only microphones were required.
- b. DC advised the catering supplies would be stored at the Methodist church post May meeting.

3. Groups and Group Co-ordinator

- a. Following actions from last meeting DS was asked to send the email to group organisers ref September meeting. DS was asked if pie (steak or vegetarian) as well as lasagne would be available.
- b. DC advised she hoped to get the draft and update to the Group Organisers booklet, issued soonest. She attended an online Group Organisers guidance course that morning and planned to include guidance.

4. Chairmans' Report

- a. PC advised nothing to report.

5. Treasurers' Report

- a. HM advised the cash balance was up to £520.46 and bank balance £2,786.35 (excluding calendar monies £381). The payment to the Methodist Church £80 for May had been taken from this balance.
- b. The meeting was advised the calendar monies held by the Treasurer would be donated to the Rainbow Centre. Peter to present the cheque with Janet.
- c. HM explained that in comparison to this time last year financially the branch was in deficit. It was discussed that this may have been due to lapsed numbers still being on

the system this time last year resulting in payment for u3a capitation charges being higher. It was hoped the loss in membership last year would be recovered with the move back to Methodist church.

6. Secretary Report

- a. Nothing to report

7. Membership Secretary Report

- a. DT had given apologies. DC advised that DT had considered reinstating the "Welcome New Members" letter.
- b. Membership numbers from Beacon now exceeded 300.

8. Speaker Finder

- a. PC advised he was starting to look for speakers for 2027. The committee suggested the possibility of more musical numbers as opposed to speakers.

9. Groups

- a. DS advised the kurling group membership was on the cusp of forming 2 groups, it will be monitored through the summer months when number were expected to dwindle.
- b. PMcK advised that she was hoping to start a Murder Mystery night to commence later in the year (possibly September). This to include either 'fish & chips' or 'pie & mash'. PMcK and DC were scheduled to view the Filey Masonic Halls as possible venue for Tea Dance and/or Murder Mystery.

10. Any Other Business

- a. PC suggested alterations to the new member form. DT/HM to take forward
- b. No other business the meeting closed at 1715hrs

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Next Committee Meeting will be Monday 15 June at 4pm in the Conservative Club. DC advised she would not be able to attend, DS offered to record Minutes for the meeting. Next Members Meeting in will be Thursday 25 June at Methodist Church.