

Minutes of the Meeting of the Filey and District U3A Committee

Held: 13 July 2026 at the Conservative Club commencing at 4pm

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

Apologies: Tony Dawson (AD);

PC opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Apologies for AD were given.

1. Matters arising from previous meetings:

No matters arose from previous minutes.

The Minutes from Committee meeting held 15 June 2026 were approved as being correct.

2. Key Items For Discussion

(1) Preparation for the Members Meeting, 23 July 2026

- a. PC has contacted the speaker, Eddie Lawler to give him details for the church.
- b. Fees for speaker £50.
- c. Conversation regarding the missing laser pointer raised approval for HM to purchase a new laser pointer to use for future speakers.
- d. PC gave apologies for Thursday 23 July and requested that AMcK introduce the speaker and act as chair for the members meeting.
- e. AMcK to tell the members meeting there will not be a meeting in August and next Members meeting will be September.

(2) Group Organisers Handbook

- a. New Group Organisers Handbook was discussed in its final draft. DC had circulated a paragraph regarding visitors to Filey & District who wanted to partake in group activities. The wording was approved to insert in the appendix following agreement that visitors would pay as new members.
- b. DS advised the risk assessment blank form was included on the Filey & District website, but not a risk register. DC to produce risk register for website and for 3 September Group Organisers meet.
- c. DC raised that the Spanish group use external/internet aids to teach class. Following discussion where copyright could possibly be breached it was agreed that DC should contact u3a central to procure a copyright licence.
- d. It was also raised that the music licence should be followed up prior to the start of the new afternoon tea dance, albeit the hall it would be held in may have a music licence.
- e. DS and DC met and revisited the "duty of care" wording to improve in the new handbook

3. Chairmans' Report

- a. PC advised the recent invite from Age UK to the IDOP (International Day for Old People) at Filey Fields would not be taken up. Filey & District had attended previous events with no new members or interest raised.

4. Treasurers' Report

- a. HM advised the cash balance was up to £646.83 and bank balance £2,655.35 (excluding the cheque for £381 which has not yet been cashed for calendar monies now passed to charity).
- b. HM was concerned about the bank charges currently being charged by Virgin Media. He advised the new "Charity Account" was moving forward resulting in no future bank charges following the Constitution being sent.

5. Secretary Report

- a. Nothing to report

6. Membership Secretary Report

- a. DT working on the update for the new members letter based on the previous letter (DS provided a copy following the meeting) and had copies available for 25 June.
- b. PC had been able to sit down with DT and provide write access to Beacon. HM, PC and DT to maintain close working contact with reference to updating Beacon.
- c. DC sent zoom talks to members on Beacon of which 9x bounced. DT and HM corrected and contacted members and only 2 members to be contacted.

7. Speaker Finder

- a. PC advised he was starting to look for speakers for 2027 and the list of meeting dates for 2027 had been circulated.
- b. December 2026 members meeting was discussed, DC raised the possibility of having to move the venue so members could enjoy a buffet in conjunction with the Humnanby Brass Ensemble. It was agreed that the format for the day would be:
 - i. Arrival 9.30am for running buffet until 11am.
 - ii. Brass Ensemble to play from 11am till noon.
 - iii. DC to contact the Methodist Church for the possibility of over running by 30 mins.
- c. It was highlighted that 2027 March meeting was within Easter week (Maundy Thursday). DC to contact Methodist church with dates and advise that the church would not be required (no speaker), but the tea room for new member registration would be needed.
- d. Following previous discussions, it was agreed for DS to contact the violinist to perform in 2027.
- e. PMcK suggested the police be approached to provide information on digital security, scams and safety, following an event recently held at the library. DC to follow up and send details to PC to book in 2027 calendar.

8. Group Coordinators Report

- a. PC advised he would be content to co-ordinate the re-instigation of the sailing/water sports group through the Filey sailing group. New members to the group would need to sign a disclaimer and recognise their ability in the sea
- b. DC advised she had been approached by Shelley Buckley regarding hosting a "vegan/vegetarian Sunday lunch" group. A card at the members meeting will be set out to gauge interest.
- c. DC also advised that she, PMcK and AMcK attended the masonic halls with a view to host the tea dance and was awaiting costs to start in September (Post Meeting: a charge of £25 p/h for whole ground floor area, including kitchen).

9. Any Other Business

- a. No other business the meeting closed at 1700hrs

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Next Committee Meeting will be Monday 14 September at 4pm in the Conservative Club.