Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Filey and District U3A Committee

Held: 14 September 2026 at the Conservative Club commencing at 4pm

Present: Anthony McKay (AMcK), Peter Crooks (PC), Tony Dawson (AD), Pat McKay (PMcK), Dorothy Caller (DC)

Apologies: Dave Thompson (DT), David Smith (DS), Howard Mitton (HM)

Guest: Stephanie Jenkinsor

PC opened the meeting and advised sadly that Martin Hirst has decided to resign from the Committee Apologies were given for DT, DS and HM.

1. Agenda Items Deferred July:

Item 2(i)(c) HM to purchase a laser pointer. The meeting was advised a pointer had been found, but a second would be useful in the event of one being mislaid.

Item 2 2(c) Copyright applied for and received. Due to be received in August

Treasurers Report: Virgin charity account applied for and finally approved. DC advised in HM's absence that the new account will be used for membership income and expenditure. The existing bank account will remain open to manage funds for day trips and money passed to HM for safe retention.

Speaker Finder Report: 7b(iii) Methodist church had been approached and were content for the slight overrun in December.

Speaker Finder Report: 7c The March meeting which clashed with Maundy Thursday (Easter) was also the registration of new members. The committee had discussed that only the 'tea room' area would need to be used. The church at this time were content, but requested that we approached Hilary again nearer the time.

Speaker Finder Report: 7d : DS to contact violinist: PC advised this was complete and signed up for May 2027.

Speaker Finder Report 7e: DC had followed up with the neighbourhood police and the details had been passed to PC who had followed up with currently no response.

2. **Agenda Items Deferred August:**

Item 2 – 2b: DC had applied for a u3a grant to attract new members and had received £480 which had to be accounted back to the central u3a. She proposed it be used to develop the flyer for 2027 to include the new membership form as well as posters for both Primrose Valley & The Bay.

Item 2 – 2d: DC had held 2x "Meet your Committee" in the Filey Library on a Wednesday 12noon till 2pm, fortnight apart. These had both been well attended and provided a separate opportunity for members to ask questions, etc., outside of the monthly meetings.

Item 3a: Murder Mystery 29 Sept: PMcK advised she had a good response and broke even for expenses and quota for the Honey Pot Inn. She was hoping for circa 40 attendees, numbers currently circa 35.

Item 3b: Tea Dance held on 8th September was poorly attended (only 8 persons). Following discussion with those who attended it was recommended that the name changed to Disco as the Tea Dance alluded to partners being required. Next one planned for Monday 5 October.

Item 3e: Saltaire 15 October: numbers confirmed to pay for coach. DC liasing with bus company on pick up times.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

PC had chaired the July meeting and was content to approve the Minutes.
AMcK had chaired the August meeting and was content to approve the Minutes.

4. **Key Items For Discussion**

(1) Members meeting 24 September
   a. PC advised the speaker Sal Cooke was prepared for the members meeting on the speaking topic of "Boats, Bikes and Birds"

5. **Chairmans Report**

Nothing new to report

6. **Treasurers Report**

Nothing new to report. HM's update included in July deferred Minutes, Virgin account now open.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Nothing new to report. DS had sent apologies

8. **Secretary's Report**

(1) Grant covered in deferred minutes.
(2) DC advised she had sent introductory emails to Driffield, Bridlington and Scarborough several months ago. Bridlington was the only u3a to respond and following email exchange a meeting with the chair and group leader was organised for Monday 21 September. PC to check if free and accompany DC.

9. **Speaker Finder Report**

Discussions were held and 2 suggestions were raised: Mysteries of Brass and Tales from a air steward. AD advised he could step into any gaps if a speaker dropped out at short notice.

10. **Group Co-ordinators Report**

(1) PC thanked DS and DC for a very successful Group Organisers meeting. The feedback received had been positive. DS in pre-meeting correspondence had recommended that the Group leaders should all have completed a Risk Register, DC suggested DS could send an email to all organisers recommended if they complete a Risk Register and any issues to contact DS or DC for guidance.
(2) DS had submitted a paper to the Committee for consideration and seeking endorsement regarding the uplift on social membership fees from £30 to £50 per annum at the golf club. The paper recommended that members who did not take out social membership "will not be allowed to join the u3a interest group". It was discussed that 6 clubs currently use the golf club and apart from the Spanish speaking group, are held weekly. The Committee were not content to endorse the statement as the role of the Committee

is to facilitate the u3a organisation in Filey & District and support groups were feasible. It was stated that if the Committee endorsed the statement and any loss of membership at the golf club ensued the group organiser may seek recompense from the Committee. The Committee did not endorse the submitted statement.
DC asked if the golf club shared information as to who had paid social membership? PC and DS are following up with the golf club direct to understand how the groups work with the golf club administration.

Group Updates & Events:

a. Murder Mystery: Being organised by PMcK and held on 29 September at the Honey Pot Inn. PMcK explained she hoped the staging of a u3a member performed comedy would resurrect the theatre group. A possible future venue for the new theatre group PMcK suggested was the Cayton home.
b. Disco: DC advised the masonic hall was booked for 5 October and the Filey Lions would not be booked as not used at the September event. DC hoped for better attendance and support otherwise she could not afford to run further events. An entry of £3 to members along with £2 for refreshments.
c. Saltaire: The coach trip numbers had reached sufficient to pay for the coach and DC was pleased to note the trip was going ahead.
d. PMcK introduced Stephanie who will support PMcK on advertising her future events and trips.
e. North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning had been in touch regarding future water sport activities. The previous chair, Chris, had been the organiser of the water/canoeing in summer. DC had forwarded the contact information to DS, possible water sport activities to be picked up in 2027 and to be included in the January newsletter to find out if a proposed leader/organiser could be sourced.

11. **Any Other Business**

No other business the meeting closed at 1700hrs

12. **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting will be Monday 12 October at 4pm in the Conservative Club. DC advised she will not be able to attend the October meeting.