Charity Registration Number: 515733

Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at Hexham Golf Club

Present: Barrie Mellars, Kate Stephenson, Michael Brockway, Ian Diggory, Tim O'Brien and Ann Atkinson

No.		Action/ person
1	**Welcome and Apologies:** Apologies were received from John Dark and Lesley Parsons	
2	**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes were accepted as a true record.	
3	**Matters Arising:** Barrie informed that he had written to Colin Hoe in relation to providing lifts and had not received a response. He had also tried to contact Fran Fuller and had no response. Barrie is speaking to another member next week who might be interested in taking on the role of Events Secretary. He also informed that there may be a delay in Steve Rozario taking over the Group Liaison role as the replacement for his role as Landscape Group Convenor is unwell. In terms of the AGM there will not be any motions from the committee unless any arise from members. Details about the AGM will go in the February newsletter as any motions or members wanting to stand for the committee are required 21 days before the AGM on the 4th March 2025. Ann to forward AGM information for the newsletter to Barrie for checking and then pass on to Tim. Ian informed that he had spoken to Wendy about talking about the Discovery Award after the AGM which she had agreed to do. As this would be a short presentation he had asked Colin Argent to talk about the role of the Convenor as well. Barrie informed that he would be away for the next monthly meeting as asked if Tim would take the camera and tripod and help set up for the February monthly meeting.	BM AA TB
4	**Chair's Report**: Barrie informed that he had at last received a response from AbilityNet and that the tutor would be Helen McGuigan. He had spoken to her and had arranged a session at the Golf Club on 19th February and at the Community Centre on 19th March covering the topics most requested and she would also include online security. The sessions would be two hours. Barrie would get in touch with the 38 members who had expressed an interest to attend. The cost for the room and tea/coffee would be approximately £45. In terms of the AGM, Barrie restated what was going out to members. Agenda, minutes of the last AGM and Treasurer's report would go out in the March newsletter. Barrie would send out to the Committee his draft report for comment. Membership would remain at £14. Kate stated that membership ran from 1st Sept to 30th August while the financial year was Jan to Dec and anticipated that there would be a gradual increase in the membership charge in future years as now eating into reserves.	BM
5	**Business Secretary's Report:** Ann informed that she had sent to the Trust an updated list of those receiving Third Age Matters (TAM). The cost of TAM was being increased to £4 and this was covered by advertisements. Our u3a was just responsible for postage costs.	

	Information had been forwarded to committee about the Third Age Trust Council members for the NE, members across the country standing for the Board and regional information which included events. Ann stated that if there were regional events likely to be of interest to our members that we should include them in the newsletter.	
6	**Treasurer's Report:** Kate had produced financial figures for the year and she was seeing Mike Bewick next week to sign off the accounts. In total we have just over £19,000. Kate informed that she does not have an Asset list. Ann and Barrie to check if they have any details. Barrie to produce an Asset register and share with the committee for approval.	AA BM
7	**Events Secretary's Report:** No report available	
8	**Group Liaison Secretary's Report:** Michael had sent the list of lapsed members to Convenors and had heard that four had died. Barrie stated that it was important that Convenors informed the Committee when members had died and perhaps this is something that could be raised at the Convenors lunch. Michael had received a query about copyright issues in relation to sending out CD's. Ann had sent Michael the Third Age Trust policy on copyright and our copyright cover which he will forward on to the member. CD's can be copied for members but are not for resale or redistribution.	MB
9	**Newsletter Editor's Report:** Tim informed that he only had four pages for the newsletter which was rather short but it was expected at this time of year. Ann would send him information about the AGM to include.	AA
10	**Programme Secretary's Report:** 83 members attended the January monthly meeting and 97 viewed the video. Ian thought that it went down okay although it was too long. Other committee members stated that they had received very positive feedback about the session and it was agreed that it should be repeated. Barrie felt that we could hold this a couple of times a year. It was suggested that we could get three members to speak at the December meeting. Ian already has a member who has expressed an interest in speaking if held again. Ian informed about possible talks for the future and would send out a list to committee members once confirmed.	ID
11	**Membership Secretary's Report:** John provided a report in his absence. There were 5 new members in January, 129 new members in the year and 35 lapsed members. At 23rd January there were 577 members. John was suggesting a coffee morning for new members in February but Barrie felt that this was too soon and that we should wait until March/April.	JD
12	**Beacon Administrator and Website Manager's Report:** No report available	
13	**Regional and Third Age Trust**: There are 10 candidates for 4 positions on the Third Age Trust Board. Committee agreed that they were happy for Barrie to decide who to vote for.	BM
14	**A.O.B:** Tim raised that the Hadrians Wall Group had a very good website which was developed by John Sandiford and used as a reference. John was not very well and was now pulling back as co-covenor of the group. Tim asked if there was support that could be provided to maintain and run the website. Barrie suggested that a report is provided to the next committee meeting from the group about their requirements which will be discussed. Tim to take this back to the group. Tim also raised that the information on the website about groups was not very accessible and raised whether there should be a face to face event of groups so members could find out more about the groups. Barrie informed that the last time this was held it was far too crowded and did not produce any new members. Barrie asked Michael to check that full information is available on the website for all 55 groups and that it is all up to date with contact details and if not to get in touch with the groups	TB MB
15	**Date and time for next meeting: Thursday 27th February 2025 at 2pm.**	

Meeting ended at 15:15

Minutes Approved **Dated:**