Charity Registration Number: 515733

Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2025 at Hexham Golf Club

Present: Barrie Mellars, Ian Diggory, Kate Stephenson , Michael Brockway, Ann Atkinson, Tim O'Brien and John Dark (10 minutes at start of meeting),

No.		Action / person
1	**Welcome and Apologies:** Apologies received from Fran Fuller, Andrew Rigg and Steve Rosario	
2	**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes were accepted as a true record.	
3	**Matters Arising:** No matters arising.	
4	**Chair's Report**: Barrie had nothing to report	
5	**Business Secretary's Report:** Ann had forwarded national information on voting for vice chair, AGM and U3A festival in York in July 2026. Regional information sent to committee members included regional meeting and events.	
6	**Treasurer's Report:** Kate reported that we had just under £20,500 which included membership and reserves. She informed that the Bank Mandate would be reviewed in the next 3-5 days. Kate to check those committee members registered as signatories.	KS
7	**Events Secretaries Report:** Fran in her absence reported that Ad Gefrin had been a success and that interest in the Wallington Christmas visit is going well. No report received from Andrew.	
8	**Group Liaison Secretary's Report:** No report was received from Steve. Barrie reminded committee members that if they were unable to attend the meeting then they should ensure that they completed a report to be shared at the meeting.	All
9	**Newsletter Editor's Report:** Tim reported that he had received feedback from some members that they liked the longer articles in the newsletter. Tim had looked at cutting the Geology feedback but had found it impossible to do so. It was felt that articles should be kept shorter. It was recognised that if those members requiring a printed newsletter reduced which seemed to be the case, the costs would come down. Hand delivering newsletters to these members was an option for reducing costs. Barrie will look at the logistics of this. Tim would send out the majority of newsletters by email this evening.	BM TB
10	**Programme Secretary's Report:** 77 members attended the September monthly meeting. There were 42 views of the video which was considered to be very good. The next topic in October would be on the Brain, the November meeting on the training ship the Wellesley and geology by Ian Jackson in December. In January Colin Argent would talk about the BBC Light Programme. Barrie stated that at the next meeting we would need to discuss what in addition we would do at the Christmas monthly meeting. Ian was intended to get a couple of members to give a brief talk at the AGM in March. He already had one willing	All

	member who would talk on VSO in Africa. He informed that he was yet to update the protocol for additional talks arranged by groups but would complete for the next meeting.	ID
11	**Membership Secretary's Report:** John informed that he had been very busy with membership renewals and less than 120 members were yet to renew. Only one person had paid twice and needed reimbursing. There had been 19 resignations a bit more than previous years and where a reason was given this was due to moving or too frail. About half had not given a reason. There had been 13 new members and one joined by post. There had not been as many cheques as last year and most renewals had included their membership number which was most helpful. The numbers taking up Third Age Matters had reduced. Kate asked if John could look at how long members had been in u3a and then no longer wanted membership. A coffee morning for new members would be arranged for early November.	JD
12	**Beacon Administrator and Website Manager's Report:** Michael informed that he had not had a lot to do. There were a couple of new groups added and Steve would be adding the details of these groups. Altering membership costs for those taking TAM on Beacon had proved problematic. Neither John nor Kate used Beacon for membership and finance activities and it was felt that Beacon could do so much more to be helpful.	SR
13	**Regional and Third Age Trust**: Barrie had sent his apologies for the regional AGM. He did not feel that the topics under discussion impinged on us. As a large membership we were self contained whilst smaller groups were more dependent on the region. Barrie had asked Wendy to update us at the beginning of monthly meeting on regional activities.	
14	**A.O.B:** Ann informed that she would be unable to do the count at the monthly meeting in October. Kate offered to do this.	KS
15	**Date and time for next meeting: Thursday 23rd October at 2pm**	

Meeting ended at 14.45

Minutes Approved **Dated: 23rd October 2025**