

Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2026 at Hexham Golf Club

Present: Barrie Mellars, Kate Stephenson, Ian Diggory, Michael Brockway, Ann Atkinson, Andrew Rigg, Tim O'Brien and John Dark.

No.		Action person
1	Welcome and Apologies: Apologies received from Steve Rozario	
2	Minutes of last meeting: Minutes were accepted as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising: No matters arising.	
4	Chair's Report: Barrie asked if committee members had members in mind for roles or other issues of relevance to the committee to speak to him first before presenting as already decided. Barrie read out the details of the Business Secretary role for the newsletter to encourage a member to take on the job to replace Ann. It was suggested that it could be made more enticing whilst recognising that it is a functional role. In terms of the AGM, Barrie felt that we needed to have a good idea of what our plans were for the coming year. It was agreed to have a summer garden party again as it was well supported last year and had a waiting list. Provisional dates of Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 8th July were agreed and Barrie would get in touch with the Racecourse to see what date was suitable with them. Ian informed that Colin Argent and John would be doing short presentations at the AGM. Barrie informed that the AGM would be a short business meeting, including the elections to posts, presentation of accounts and questions from the floor. There were no proposals to take to the AGM.	BM
5	Business Secretary's Report: Ann informed that she had forwarded information from region and national and asked whether we should publicise the need for a north east representative on the national Council. Barrie felt that it was not necessary to do this.	
6	Treasurer's Report: Kate informed that receipts and payments for the year had been passed to Mike Bewick to examine. She informed that we are covering our costs and at break even. Gift Aid came in as usual. The budget for next year is prudent and based on 5% inflation. Membership will be maintained at £14. There is a surplus of £6250 overall in the accounts. Following discussion it was felt that we should increase the subscription to £15 in 2027 as we will have been five years without an increase and there has been inflation over this period. It was suggested that Kate in her presentation at the AGM makes reference to the subscription increasing in the future. The Convenors lunch will be about £30 per head including wine provided by us. It is not clear whether the Mart will increase venue costs. The event cost £1500 last year. Barrie will check if there is a corkage fee and that the Mart will provide glasses.	KS BM
7	Events Secretaries Report: Fran informed Ann that the Wallington Christmas Afternoon Tea was brilliant and it was great to have Katie Abbott to talk about Wallington. Andrew asked what day in the week was best for events and it was felt that Wednesday was probably the day when availability would be greatest. The Durham trip to the Oriental	

15	Date and time for next meeting: Thursday 26th February 2026 at 2pm	
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Meeting ended at 15.10

Minutes Approved

Dated: 26th February 2026