

Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at Hexham Golf Club

Present: Barrie Mellars, Michael Brockway, Kate Stephenson, Diane Downie, Andrew Rigg, Steve Rosario, Ian Diggory, Roger Hancock

No.		Action person
1	Apologies: Apologies received from John Dark	
2	Minutes of last meeting: Minutes were accepted as a true record. Copy to be sent to Website	RH
3	Matters Arising: No matters arising.	
4	Chair's Report: Barrie informed the meeting that he had had an approach from a researcher at Leicester University seeking to ask members to take part in a project on scams. Agreed that Di should check the veracity of the proposal for inclusion in the Newsletter. Agreed also that no more than 4 such appeals should be published annually. Summer party. 2 – 5 on 1st July. Currently 100 attending. A further push to get 115 to be done later this week. There was a possibility that a free indoor golf range could be available but it depended on whether it could be accommodated in the space available. Andrew agreed to erect signage and help with the car park. Barrie confirmed the toilets would be open. Takings so far stood at £1500. Background music would be provided + PA. Round tables provided for food which would be served from around 3.	DD
5	Business Secretary's Report: Roger reported an approach from Inspired Pots which he would pass to Steve. He to respond to them. He had completed the forms to add him as a Bank signatory and returned them to Kate.	RH SR
6	Treasurer's Report: Kate had provided up to date reports and confirmed affiliation fees had been paid. Bank balance currently £14k but would reduce after the party. Taking into account £3500 owned by groups the mid July balance was expected to be around £9500 as anticipated and would cover the 6 months reserves. Kate reported she was looking for a deputy and there would be an advert in the Newsletter. There was a further discussion over amplification at group meetings following failure with alternatives at the County. It was suggested that a compact headset and speaker was worth trialling for bigger venues like the Abbey and County. Di offered to buy a suitable headset and see if it worked. The logistical issues might be resolved if it was cheap enough for groups to own.	DD
7	Events Secretary's Report: Andrew reported on a wonderful visit to Egger which took nearly 3 hours and attendees were amazed by the use of robots and automation and one man controlling 36 separate screens. A very well worthwhile visit. The next 2 trips to Chillingham and Harrogate Flower Festival were sold out and he was hoping to arrange a trip to Ringtons tea factory in October. He commented that reserve lists were a bit of a problem with 13 changes for Egger in the	

