**Minutes of Hucknall & District u3a Committee Meeting**

**JGC on Wednesday 6th August 2025 at 10 am.**

**Present:** Tina Holmes, Gary Holmes, Bob McEwan, Kevin Varey, Liz Attenborough, Sue Tedstone, Melvyn Francis, Greg Umney, John Pretty, Christine Eagle. Sue Jackson (mins secretary)

**1. Apologies**: Lynda Smeathers

**2.** **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting**: agreed and signed

**3**. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** to clarify a point on last month’s minutes - when MF leaves the Committee any equipment MF holds will be handed over to LA.

**4.** **Chair:**  Last month’s action points:-The Beacon proposals are on hold as the u3a is still in discussion with HMRC re: gift aid. With regard to the wording of Member death notifications this will be put on the next Newsletter. **BM to write wording and action**

Affiliated Members- after consulting the pre circulated ‘Nottinghamshire Network of u3as’ document, a discussion took place to ascertain how many groups an Affiliated member can join before needing to become a full member of Hucknall & District u3a (H&D u3a). It was agreed that, going forward, any new Affiliated members can only join 1 group. The Committee also agreed that current Affiliated members attending H&D u3a groups will not be affected by this and can continue to be in more than 1 group**. ST to inform Group Leaders (GL) to follow due process with Affiliated Members**

A committee member has been contacted by a member to ask if we can send an email to all H&D u3a members regarding support for an MP in making Misk Hills a National Park to try and halt any further development of that area. The efforts of the MP and their request for support has been widely advertised locally, so after discussion the Committee agreed that the u3a should not be used to circulate the request as the u3a is an apolitical organisation.

The History group has produced a pamphlet entitled ‘Words of Wisdom’, a copy of which was made available to the Committee and was requesting possible financial support. The Committee thought such endeavors were admirable but felt in view that all groups should be self-sufficient they could not financially support the effort – **TH to have further discussions with History Group Leader re: their options for costs, distribution, funding etc.**

**5. Vice Chair**: A u3a Group advertising flyer, which BM picked up at a meeting, was circulated to Committee Members. BM asked if we should consider having an advertising flyer available to promote H&D u3a at events and various strategic locations eg Library, as it would be targeted cost-effective advertising **– BM to enquire about costs etc.**

NottsNetwork emails distribution - NottsNetwork emails are received for distribution by several Committee members, so to reduce duplication of workload BM will send ‘reminder’ emails and ‘trip information’ emails received, while TH will send out any ‘newsbyte’ emails received.

Social Sub Committee (SCC) – sadly 4 members of the SSC are resigning in April after many years of invaluable contribution. This means new SSC members will need to be recruited by April 2026. The Committee stated that any support required to help recruit new SSC members can and will be made available e.g. advertising.

Tickets for ‘The Fab 2’ will be on sale at the next members’ meeting.

**6.** **Treasurer**: Overall we are approx. £1000 better off than the budget forecast. There are no concerns to report within any of the various accounts.

**7. Business Secretary:** Policy review – The review dates of all Policies and various options regarding this were discussed. The Committees decision was to have staggered review dates which allows a spread of the workload over the year. This will also allow new Trustees (new committee members) the chance to absorb the policies and their responsibilities. Risk Assessments will keep their yearly review as they are currently.

**8. Speaker Seeker/Secretary**: September and October arrangements- Speakers’ details etc. will be passed on to TH and LA due to the absence CE in Sept/Oct. **LA & TA to stand in for CE in September and October respectively.**

The Speaker for Feb 2026 Members meeting has been rearranged for 18th February 2026 due to the beer festival on 11th February 2026

**9**. **Groups Co-ordinator:** Merger of the 2 Grumpy Men Groups – The Grumpy Old Men group and the Not So Grumpy Old Men group are merging. A name for the new group is yet to be announced.

**10**. **Membership Secretary**: 497 members: 457 full, 25 Associate, 15 Affiliated plus 2 new members.

157 attended Members meeting. Newsletter printed copies will remain unchanged.

**11.** **Any other business**: ST – An ‘International Day of Older People Event’ on Friday 26th September is being organized by ‘Preferred Homes’ at JGC which is a marketing event for the company and their development on the old Police Station site. They have contacted H&D u3a offering a table to promote our organization. After further research into the company and the development the Committee decided not to accept their offer of a table at the event.

**Meeting finished at 11.56am**

**The next Committee meeting will be held at the JGC on Wednesday 3rd September at 10.00am**