



Northumbria Region u3a

Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting

11th April 2025

From 13.55 – 15.10

Present: - Cecilia Coulson (CC), Theresa Mulkerrin (TM), Moira Stokoe (MS), Malcolm Wilkinson (MW), Peter Barnett (PB), Ted Watt (TW), Mary Barlow (MEB).

Apologies: - Sandi Rickerby, Jean Cubbin, Kathy Clegg, Ann Carr.

Dawn Tweddle a coopted member has decided not to stand as a Regional Committee member at the AGM and is therefore not partaking in any further committee meetings. She will however attend the AGM on April 28th.

Welcome: - CC welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that this was her last meeting as Chair.

Minutes: - MW proposed that the minutes of the 21st March 2025 meeting was a true record and TM seconded the motion.

Matters arising: - none noted.

Reports: -

Chair (CC) – Nothing further to add to the March report.

Business Sec (MEB) – We have had Nomination Forms from Keith Allison, Cecilia Coulson, Theresa Mulkerrin, Moira Stokoe, Malcolm Wilkinson, Peter Barnett, Ted Watt and Mary Barlow.

Treasurer (TM) – Report circulated.

To date 33 members have registered for the AGM.

TM is monitoring registration for other events.

Events (CC) – The meeting took place four days ago therefore no report has been prepared.

Tees Barrage – 17th April – Full

How best to use Facebook – 21st May – 10 registered

Music Event – 5th June – Everything in hand. List of performers on website.

Hopetown Darlington – 30th June – 30 registered

Al Face to Face – 1st and 4th July – Registration via Dr L Mitchell

Newcastle Mosque – 23rd July – Full

Raby Castle – 4th September – Spaces available

Victoria Tunnel, Newcastle – 17th September – Spaces available

Magna Carta – Possibly 15th September – Details to follow

Awareness Day – Cancelled

Summer School – A visit to Ushaw College has been arranged for 16th April to ascertain the suitability of the site.

Field Trip to Holy Island – 27th September – Last chance to visit dig before it is covered over. **Post meeting – Flyer sent to PB to be included in next round of Beacon mailing.**

Communication (PB) – People are emailing CC to check details instead of looking on the web page.

Beacon – PB is being asked numerous times to send out emails advertising an event and he thinks this is overkill and may be detrimental to people looking at other events etc. **Post meeting – email sent to Robert Pullen re the Music Day and refreshments as suggested by PB, because Biddick Social Club need a reminder about this. Robert Pullen replied ...all in hand.**

Messenger (MEB) - To date only one article and eight flyers have been received. This is not what the magazine is about. People when asked would like the magazine to continue but to do that we need a succession of articles and that is not happening. This will be brought to members attention at the AGM.

AGM (MW) – The organisation is well in hand. TM to inform MW of numbers for the caterers and provide a list of those wishing to attend.

Jean Cubbins and Kathy Clegg have asked if they can say a few words and as the agenda has been set they will speak under Any Other Business.

Nobody has indicated they wish to stand as Chair therefore CC to ask PB to send out an urgent email to all u3as.

Any Other Business

CC confirmed that members had received the emails from JC and KC inviting them to a Zoom meeting on 23rd April. Regional Committee members to attend at 11.15 and then Chairs of all u3as in the Region invited to attend at 12.00.

Members thanked Cecilia for her all the hard work she has done as Chair of this meeting.

CC suggested that we arrange to meet at 14.00 on the usual third Friday in May to either elect a new Chair if one is not known at the AGM or to disband.

Next meeting 14.00 Friday 16th May 2025

Name	Wendy Dale	Position	Chair	Date	16 th May 2025
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Name	Mary Barlow	Position	Secretary	Date	16 th May 2025
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