



Northumbria Region u3a

Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting

21st November 2025

From 14.00 to 15.40

Present: - Keith Allison (KA), Theresa Mulkerrin (TM), Moira Stokoe (MS), Ann Carr (AC), Kathy Clegg (KC), Cecilia Coulson (CC), Malcolm Wilkinson (MW), Mary Barlow (MEB).

Apologies: - Peter Barnett, Jean Cubbin.

Welcome and Chairs Report: - KA welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Wendy Dale had resigned as chair and that he holding the position as vice chair had taken over as caretaker chair until the next AGM.

Ted Watt has tendered his resignation due to ill health. The secretary was asked to send him a letter thanking him for his service. WD had already done this in her capacity as chair. MEB suggested we send him a little thank you gift and CC said she would look into what would be suitable due to his illness.

Minutes: - CC proposed that the minutes of the 17th October 2025 meeting was a true record and MS seconded the motion. The members present agreed they were, and the proposal was accepted.

Matters arising: -

Tips for Treasurers – TM to check if the current list could be adapted for the website.

Regional Structure (KA): - Referring to the emails received from committee members the consensus was that we should set up a small working group to look at a new constitution.

Names suggested were Arthur Coulson (AC), Kathy Clegg and possibly Mo Brown and Peter Barnett. Both AC and KC agreed to join the working group. KA to contact the last two names to see if they are agreeable.

Business Secretary (MEB): - Confirmed with those attending that we would continue to meet monthly on the third Friday of each month at 2pm. A list of the dates will be distributed in due course.

MEB informed the committee that she would make the necessary alterations to the Charity Commission site regarding Wendy Dale, Tedd Watt and KA.

Treasurer (TM): - Report circulated.

TM noted that she had not received an invoice from Ushaw regarding a deposit for the event in 2026.

Also we will still be in a good financial position after the event has taken place.

CC then asked if the event was successful would it be possible to have another in 2027 to which there was full agreement.

KA suggested the Treasurer and Minute Secretary be provided with a laptop for u3a use. TM replied that she had everything on a spreadsheet and saved on her hard drive. MEB said that the minutes were made available to everyone on the website therefore they were available should a problem occur with her laptop. MEB also has them saved in the Cloud.

PB to asked to give TM access to Beacon.

Third Age Trust (KC): - Confirmed there was little change to what had already been reported.

MS asked if there was a communications flow chart. KC to check if an up to date one was available showing all the changes.

Events (CC): - Reports circulated.

Archaeological Workshop – 40 members on the list so far to attend.

Visit to Redhills Miners Hall – arrangements are in hand for a visit.

Possible visit to Crook Hall is being looked at.

Ushaw Planning Meeting for the event on 12th May 2026 will take place via Zoom on 9th December 2025 at 4pm.

Communications (PB): - No report – unable to attend the meeting.

tFacebook – Email report from Mike Cook circulated.

Networks (KA): - The chair/lead of a network should provide the committee with notes of the meetings. These need not be in the form of minutes.

A possible new network is being formed around Alnwick/Wooler/Coquetdale u3a to provide support for each other.

The committee will come back to this subject in the near future.

Feedback from Regional Meeting (KA): -

People paid but did not turn up.

Food and the area where it was displayed could have been better.

Regional Meetings (KA): -

We need something to attract people.

One or two possible speakers were mentioned but nothing agreed.

Any Other Business

Christmas Meal – It was agreed we would look at a 16th January 2026. CC volunteered to look at venues.

Name K Allison **Position** Acting Chair **Date** 19th December 2025

Name M Barlow **Position** Secretary **Date** 19th December 2025