



Northumbria Region u3a

Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting

20th February 2026

From 14.00 to 15.45

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

Apologies: - Peter Barnett, Jean Cubbin, Ann Carr.

Welcome – KA welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes - MW proposed that the minutes of the 21st December 2025 meeting was a true record and TM seconded the motion. The members present agreed they were, and the proposal was accepted.

Matters Arising - CC visited Ted Watt on 21st January 2026 and took him chocolates and fruit cake. He was pleased to see her and catch up with what has been happening since he had left the committee.

KC has been unable to find suitable flow charts but is continuing the search.

The new Network in the region is called u3a North Northumberland Network.

Reports

Chair (KA) – Report circulated.

Local Councillors often have a pot of money given to them to support work in their communities and it may be worth contacting them if u3as are requiring new equipment such as projectors etc.

Business Secretary (MEB) – Items coming up in the meeting.

Treasurer (TM) – Reports circulated.

The deposit for Ushaw has been paid and 135 members have so far paid to attend.

We have enough money in funds to pay for the Zoom licence when it is due in May.

S Durham Quiz costs seem excessive, but they have bought tea urns. It was agreed that these should be made available to all u3as in the region after the event.

TM says Noreen Freeman is happy with the year end accounts and will sign them off.

TM to look into costings for our March meeting regarding Regional Subscriptions.

Events (CC) – Reports circulated.

Ushaw – There is a further meeting taking place shortly to finalise details and prepare an assessment form for attendees to fill in after the event.

Trinity House – There is a limit of 45 people and to date 31 have signed up. There are parking places near the Law Courts. Note – Taking photographs is prohibited within the building.

Golf – Mike Wallace envisages this being an annual event and suggests cups are bought to present to the winners. The committee believe that certificates are sufficient for this year until we see the numbers involved and whether there is the sufficient enthusiasm among members for another contests.

Communications (PB) - No report.

Facebook (CC) – At present this is set up as a private account. It was suggested that it be made a public one with limited access so that unseemly comments cannot be left.

Constitution – Changes have been made to our current constitution to reflect the proposed change of name and update the details therein.

The committee agreed a vote of thanks be given to those who undertook this huge task.

MEB agreed to look into making the constitution more presentable.

It was agreed that KC should be put on the list of committee members held by the Charity Commission. **Post Meeting Note – Details have been requested and received.**

AGM – Three dates have been suggested 24th and 30th April plus 1st May. Various venues have been suggested including City Hall, Sunderland, Hylton Castle, Sunderland and Westerhope Community Centre and several members are checking their availability and what costs will be involved.

Zoom – Mo Brown has decided to relinquish running this once the current licence expires in May. TM has agreed funds are available to continue using this system and will obtain the next licence. We will need someone to run the system.

Karen Green (KG) – KC will contact KG to see what is involved and will report back to the committee.

Any Other Business

None.

Date of next meeting 20th March 2026,

Name Keith Allison **Position** Acting Chair **Date** 20th March 2026

Name Mary Barlow **Position** Secretary **Date** 20th March 226