



Northumbria Region u3a

Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting

19th December 2025

From 14.00 to 15.35

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

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

Welcome: - KA welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Matters Arising: - CC has taken advice on a suitable present for Ted Watt and will be delivering it to him in person in due course.

Events matters CC – 40 people signed up for the archaeology zoom presentation but only 25 attended.

CC noted that there is a North Northumberland Network which we have not been aware of which contains Alnwick, Berwick, Coquetdale and Wooler u3as.

Tips for Treasurers TM suggests that the current form is sufficient to go on the website without any amendments as it is by treasurers for treasurers and is suitably worded. PB informed the meeting that it was already on the website.

Reports

Chair (KA) – Report circulated. An update was emailed to all members at the end of the meeting.

Business Secretary (MEB) – A list of dates for our 2026 meetings has been circulated. MEB said there was a note at the top of the screen saying this meeting was being transcribed. TA confirmed the notes will not be retained.

Treasurer (TM) – Report circulated. £132.00 has been received from the Trust towards the cost of the meeting at the Angel Hotel.

No costs yet received for the southern quiz.

Noreen Freeman has agreed to check the regions year end accounts.

Events (CC) - Report circulated.

A few minor alterations are required to the Google form for the Ushaw event.

It is envisaged that the event will cost £25.00 with a meal or £10 without.

Communications (PB) – Things are running reasonably smoothly at the moment.

Beacon – PB is aware there are short comings with the system and is hopeful the Trust will be looking into this soon.

Facebook – MEB informed the meeting we usually only ask Mike Cook who runs the site for a report bimonthly.

Messenger (MEB) – Items are coming in slowly and perhaps during 2026 we can look at this again.

Regional Representatives – No report.

Zoom (KA) – The current licence expires around the end of April and Mo Brown (MB) who runs the site is standing down we therefore need to appoint someone soon to keep the diary of when use of the site is required.

KA to speak to MB regarding obtaining the current host key.

It is envisaged that when we get a new licence next year the host key will be made available to the member running the event.

Emails – A discussion ensued regarding emails sent out recently and members were reminded to check that only relevant details were forwarded.

Any Other Business

Christmas Meal – 16th January 2026, 12.00 for 12.30 Royal Station Hotel.

Constitution – Currently on hold while a group is convened of committee and non-committee members. We need to confirm if Northallerton and Bedale wish to remain in this network as it will have relevance to the wording.

The next meeting is 20th February 2026 at 14.00.

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

Name Mary Barlow **Position** Secretary **Date** 20th February 2026