

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 21st June 10:30 am

St George's Conference Centre, Great George Street. Leeds LS1 3DL

Draft minutes 23rd June 2024.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chair, Pat Collard, welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending.
2. **Present:** Pat Collard (Chair), Brian Cave (Treasurer and Vice Chair), Angie Grain, (Events Coordinator), Hazel Ward (Minutes Secretary), Margaret Fiddes (Regional Trustee), Trudy Atkinson, Niall Clarke, Joanne Kasparek, Hannah Lucas (Barnsley and District), Ros Garside, David Marshall (Bradford), Diane Arthur (Bridlington), Lesley Tempest (Cottingham), Jacqui Eames, Linda Hoole, Mick Richings (Craven), Stella Barclay, Ian Monday (Harrogate), Kath Connor, Jane Hardman (Hornsea and District), Richard Bell, Elaine Toms (Ilkley), Janet Powell (Leeds), Frank Bailey, Glenys Bailey (Ripon and District), Bruce Cable (Rotherham), Robert Jackson (Settle and District), Glynis Hale, Jo Tovey (Sherburn and Villages), Alison Peck (Swanland), Nick David (York).

Apologies for absence: Sue Smith (Cottingham), Mike Ward, Kate Walker (Keighley), Peter Dransfield, Roy Johnson (Sherburn and Villages), Karen Sawyer (York), Mike Ward, Kate Walker (Keighley).

3. **To receive and approve the Draft Minutes of the AGM held on Friday, 5th May 2023.**
Proposal to accept draft minutes: Mick Richings
Seconded: Brian Cave.
4. **Matters arising. There were no matters arising.**
5. **To receive and approve the Chair's Annual Report.**

This report had been circulated in advance to the Region's u3a Chairs and Secretaries to share with members attending the AGM. Pat Collard referred to the activities that had taken place since the last AGM and read through the details of the report under the headings: Meetings, Workshops, Events, Music Fest, YAHR annual Summer School, Planning for the Future in relationship to the Third Age Trust. She concluded by thanking the members of the current Management Team for their support and all their hard work over the past year. She thanked Trevor Barrowcliffe who has recently stood down from the Management Team due to of all of his other commitments which have included organising the Music Events of the Festival. She was now looking forward to this

year's Festival in York and the Summer School in Easingwold. This report was unanimously approved.

6. **To receive and approve the Treasurer's Annual Report.** This report and balance sheet, covering the financial year ending 4th April 2024, had been forwarded to the Region's u3a Chairs and Secretaries. The Treasurer reported that the balance sheet shows a surplus of £2409.20 over the previous year due to expenditure at the 2023 Summer School being less than that for which it had been budgeted. The Music Fest resulted in a loss of £848 due to the cost of living increase and late withdrawal of some participating groups. Under the Grant scheme, YAHR awarded £714.50 to three u3as who applied towards the cost of renewing obsolete equipment. See website for Grant application form. For this year there is a full house for the Summer School. As part of the YAHR application to the Charity Commission, it will be necessary to change our financial year end from April 4th to December 31st. For 2024 this will mean a 9 month financial year which will be easier to manage the income and expenditure for the summer school which is currently divided over two financial years.

Following a unanimous vote it was agreed:

To accept the financial report

To re-appoint the Independent Examiner (see Item 7)

To approve the change of the financial year end to December 31st.

Richard Bell suggested that in order to ensure that everyone attending the AGM received the relevant papers in advance, these could be included with the confirmation of registration. Mick Richings asked that changes to Committee members be forwarded to BEACON. Frank Bailey emphasized that this will be given a high priority in the ongoing updating of the YAHR website. Any u3a member can ask to be added to the mailing list. Because of GDPR restrictions the Third Age Trust is not allowed to share contact details.

Election of Officers and Management Team. Nominations for the following roles were:

Pat Collard: Chair

Treasurer and Vice Chair: Brian Cave

Events Coordinator: Angie Grain

Minutes Secretary: Hazel Ward

Committee Member: Samina Aslam

All were accepted unanimously.

7. **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner.** CB Jones is willing to continue in this role. Proposed by Treasurer, Brian Cave. Accepted unanimously.
8. **Any Other Business sent in advance to the Chair by 5th June.** None received.
9. **The AGM closed at 10.55 am**