

2025 Annual General Meeting

Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) Management Team.

Monday, 12th May. 10:30am.

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

DRAFT MINUTES

In advance of the official business, AG covered the organisational practicalities including Fire exits, mobile phones to be switched off, Wi Fi code and the blue feedback cards issued by St George's to hand in at reception

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** PC welcomed those present. She is the YAHR Chair until the end of the AGM, but after being elected to the Pilot Council, she will now be standing down as YAHR Chairman and will continue to serve as a Trustee on the YAHR Management Team. BC, also elected to the Pilot Council, will be standing down as Vice Chair. It was explained that the voting system, in the absence of the Chair, allows a proxy vote to a member of that same u3a - only one vote per u3a. There are 11 u3as present.

Present: Pat Collard (Cottingham), Brian Cave (Sheffield), Angie Grain (Ilkley), Margaret Fiddes (Sherburn and Villages), Hazel Ward (Swanland), Frank Bailey (Ripon and District), Glenys Bailey (Ripon and District), Samina Aslam (Sheffield), Richard Bell (Ilkley and District), Jean Blackburn (Bradford), Penny Brighten (Garforth, Kippax and District), Maureen Cave (Sheffield), Peter Cloudsdale (Haxby), Peter Dransfield (Cookridge and Horsforth), Robert Jackson (Settle and District), Rachel Ellis-Jones (Beverley), Brian Lawrence (Sherburn and Villages), Joan Lehain (Cottingham), Lorna Pope (Sherburn and Villages), Janet Powell (Leeds), Jayne Richardson (Cookridge and Horsforth), John Richardson (Selby and District), Peter Sellek (Cookridge and Horsforth), Les Smith (Pocklington and District), Helen Stevens (Ilkley and District), Jo Turner (Leeds)

Apologies: Pat Ackland (Scunthorpe), Kath Allen (Scunthorpe), Stella Barclay (Harrogate), Pam Buckton (Beverley), Pauline Buttling (Barnsley), Niall Clarke (Barnsley), Wendy England (North Lindsey), Ros Garside (Bradford), Chris Jacques (Haxby), Alison Peck, John Peck (Swanland), Mick Richings (Craven), Anne Selwyn (Selby), Lesley Tempest (Cottingham), Elaine Toms (Ilkley), Heather Turner (Caves).

3. **To receive and approve the draft minutes of the AGM, June 21st 2024.**

Approved: Proposer: Richard Bell. Seconded: Janet Powell.
Accepted.

4. **Matters arising.** No matters arising.

- 5. To receive and approve the Chair's Annual Report.** The report had been circulated in advance to all of the region's u3as together with the AGM papers. PC drew attention to the penultimate paragraph relating to volunteers and members of the Management Team who keep the u3a movement going and growing. On behalf of all YAHR u3as, she personally wished to thank everyone involved and in particular the members of the YAHR Management Team for their support, their ideas and their company.
- 6. To receive and approve the Treasurer's Annual Report.** The report and balance sheet had been circulated in advance to all of the region's u3as together with the AGM papers. BC presented the report on screen, explaining that the accounts were for 9 months as the year end had been brought forward in line with the end of the calendar year. The YAHR Summer School shows an income of £50,558. Expenditure of £51,691 includes a grant to a u3a, workshop expenses and bank charges, leaving a surplus balance of £11,560 to be used for this year's Summer School. Questions raised include whether u3as budgets were ruled by capitation and whether funds were divided according to the number of u3as in a region. Members of the National Council would like funds to be rationalised and will take these and other issues to a Council meeting on June 10th. In summary it was proposed that the accounts be accepted and forwarded to the Charity Commission.

Proposer: Frank Bailey.

Seconder: Richard Bell.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Brian Cave, is willing to continue as Treasurer for another year until the next AGM.

Item 8 on the agenda, brought forward by BC. Appointment of the Independent

Examiner: Christopher Jones, Chartered Accountant, 3 years, Proposed by Brian

Cave. Accepted unanimously.

- 7. Election of Trustees.** PC is standing down from her role as YAHR Chairman but will continue as a trustee of the Management Team. BC is standing down from his role as Vice Chair but is prepared to continue as Treasurer.
- MF will assume the role as Chair and Angie Grain as Vice Chair. Niall Clarke will continue as Secretary, Hazel Ward as Minutes Secretary and Angie Grain as Events Co-ordinator. Other associates will include Paul Dobbin, Ilkley u3a, Webmaster, Frank Bailey and Glenys Bailey, Ripon u3a, Mick Richings Craven 3a BEACON, Elaine Toms, Ilkley u3a, Website development, Pat Ackland, Scunthorpe u3a, Speaker

Directory. Samina Aslam of Sheffield u3a has a long term involvement in a variety of roles including organising the annual YAHR Summer School. She has decided to stand down as a Trustee but will continue to work towards this year's Summer School after which she will move forward into the future. PC thanked Samina for all that she has done for the YAHR and wanted to take this opportunity to say an official 'Thank You'.

Proposal: Richard Bell.

Secunder: Janet Powell.

Accepted.

MF will now take over as YAHR Chair.

9. **Any other business sent in advance to the Chair.** None received.

The meeting closed at 11:02am.