

# Minutes of Huddersfield and District U3A Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 2.00pm at Aspin House

**Present:** Dallas Cliff(DRC),Chair, John May(JM), Jenny Eaglestone(JE), Isabel Foster(IF), Janet Forde(JF), Moira Marshall(MM), Sue May(SM), Alison Newbery(AN), Michael Scholes(MS), Diana Wilson(DW). In attendance for Item 7: Peter Alpin(PA)

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
|          | Brian Farrand, John Dixon, Lesley Baxter invited for Item 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      |
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| <b>2</b> | <b>Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 20 August 2024</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                      |
|          | The minutes were approved as a correct record                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                      |
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| <b>3</b> | <b>Matters arising and Action Points not otherwise on the agenda</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tutors &amp; Volunteers Lunch - SM</li> </ul> <p>SM confirmed that the annual tutors' and volunteers' lunch would take place at the United Reformed Church, Moldgreen on Thursday 3 April at 11.00am. The caterer had been booked and a cold buffet as in 2024 would be served at approximately 12.15. Table clips to anchor the paper table covering would again be used. SM noted the need for help on the day.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>SM/Comm</b>                       |
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| <b>4</b> | <b>40 Anniversary Review – DRC</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      |
|          | <p>DRC reported that there was a consensus that the events put on were successful and had proved enjoyable. The anniversary dinner went well. Thanks were extended to IF for organising this event. In particular it evoked a spirit of belonging to a wider group than simply the classes attended. Discussion ensued as to whether we should plan an annual dinner but no decision was agreed.</p> <p>The anniversary walk had proved very successful, and it was suggested this could become an annual event. The level 2 and level 3 circular walks were much appreciated DW agreed to discuss the possibility of a repeat in 2025 with each walk organiser.</p> <p>Other events such as the Boules competition were also worth repeating to generate greater publicity. DRC would ask the organiser for a repeat performance in 2025.</p> <p>It was disappointing that the range of activities did not generate increased membership as had been hoped. It was suggested that we should explore social opportunities in general to try to appeal to the wider membership.</p> <p>DRC agreed to write a report for the Spring Newsletter.</p> | <p><b>Comm</b></p> <p><b>DRC</b></p> |
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| <b>5</b> | <b>Safeguarding Update – BF/IF</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      |
|          | IF reported that a review of the Safeguarding policy was pending.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>BW/IF</b>                         |



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| <b>8</b>  | <b>Term and Meeting Dates 2025 -2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |               |
|           | <p>Term dates were approved as was the suggestion not to hold classes in the week beginning 4 May. In effect this would mean an extension of half term to two weeks.</p> <p><b>Meeting dates in 2025 were agreed as Thursday 23 January, Thursday 20 March, Tuesday 17 June, Tuesday 19 August and Tuesday 18 November.</b></p> <p><b>Currently the AGM is scheduled for 29 October 2025 but no decision was made on the venue</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>AN</b>     |
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| <b>9</b>  | <b>Admin/Office</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |
|           | <p>9.1 Member number update – JE<br/>The total number of new and renewing members is 997 which is a 5% drop from the same time in 2023. Similarly new members at 162 are down 14%. The potential reasons for this were discussed but the numbers are disappointing in view of the major publicity efforts.</p> <p>9.2 Website –JE<br/>Compliments had been received from tutors and others on the quality of our website. JE reported that the photo gallery recently included now contained photos of the anniversary competitions and the walk.</p> <p>9.3 Autumn Newsletter – AN<br/>AN thanked JF and the distribution team for distributing the newsletter in her absence. So far no response has been received for volunteers to run trips or help in the office.</p> <p>JE will email members to remind them of the anniversary talks taking place in the Spring term. Member not on email will receive postal reminders. DRC will supply an updated list of talks which will also include the need to pay in cash.</p> <p>9.4 AGM – DRC<br/>The AGM had been held on 25 October. Several observations from the floor suggested that members were unaware of wide promotion of Huddersfield &amp; District U3A both printed and broadcast which had been undertaken by the publicity team. The demise of the Huddersfield Examiner formerly an important publicity vehicle for us was noted.</p> | <b>JE/DRC</b> |
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| <b>10</b> | <b>Trips</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question of running trips</li> </ul> <p>As there were no volunteers to organise trips it was decided with regret that no trips would run in Summer 2025. In view of this decision there was no further discussion on the paper about possible trips</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |

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| <b>11</b> | <b>Reports from Officers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                   |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venue Update– AN</li> </ul> <p>Ian Baxter had been requested by his class to run in the Spring term. Publicity had been put on our website but it was noted that this would not reach all members. If any extensions are desired notice of this should be made to include in the Autumn newsletter. The Mission had been booked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment – AN</li> </ul> <p>Nothing to report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook – JE</li> </ul> <p>Inappropriate posts on our Facebook had been deleted and it was agreed that all posts needed to be approved by JE or Janet Newton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicity – JM/SM</li> </ul> <p>The 50+ magazine had offered to include our usual half page advert and a half page on our U3A at the usual price of £350. Acceptance of this offer was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport for Disabled members – AN for CHN</li> </ul> <p>Nothing to report</p> | <p><b>JE/Janet Newton</b></p> <p><b>JM/SM</b></p> |
| <b>12</b> | <b>AOB</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                   |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Membership Approval – DRC</li> </ul> <p>Jeannine King had submitted a written report asking that Christine Whiddon be accorded Life Membership. This was agreed.<br/><i>Note Item 4.11 of our constitution</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>DRC</b>                                        |
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| <b>13</b> | <b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting: -</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                   |
|           | <b>Tuesday 20 January 2025 at 2.00 at Aspin House</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                   |