

WHITBY WHALER U3A

Minutes of the AGM Meeting held at 10.00, Saturday 15th October 2022

At The Rifle Club

Committee present: Michael Menier (Chairman), Mo Metcalfe (Membership Sec.), Clair Stones (Sec.), Janice Shade (Treasurer), Helen Leech (Publicity), Cynthia Richardson (Access H&S), Adrian Jennings (Committee), Wendy Price (Curriculum Organiser),

Members present see attached list of signatories with filed minutes, POSTAL VOTES 7 received

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Julian Plested (Committee), Margaret Barrowcliffe, Veronica Carolan, Pat Clarkson, Colin Rutland, Eileen Dannat, Jonathan Dawkins, Jenny Farenden, David Farmilo, Liz Farmilo, Kathy Frost, Helen Green, Vanessa Hammond, Bob Hammond, Nichola Hutchinson, Peter Littlewood, Doug Lowther, Marie McCrone, George Osborne, Maureen Osborne, Bernadette Perrin, Heather Relf, Val Rowe, Lynn Walker, Lynn Stuart, Patsy Syles, Michael Walker, Keith Willday, Liz Williams, John Howarth, Pat Howarth, Steve Kent, Kath Kent, Steve Maltby, Sarah Davey, Rick Harwood, Jill Hunter</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of AGM 16/10/2021 These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (proposed David Bradley, seconded Bruce Russell)</p>
3.	<p>Matters arising from Minutes of AGM 2021 There were no matters arising.</p>
4.	<p>Chairman's report (attached Appendix 1) Michael reported that the year had seen some semblance of normality and that groups are now actively meeting face to face. St John Ambulance Hall had reopened with some groups returning there. There is still a need to use other venues and not put 'all our eggs in one basket'. He stated that our priority must be to utilise a variety of venues as well as considering other options across the Whitby District. New groups have started in 2021/22 and others are planned for the future. Communications have been enhanced to keep in touch with the membership and the website continues to be updated and Facebook posts provide a light-hearted note as well as up to date information. Helen Leach (Publicity) has kept everyone entertained with her monthly column in the Whitby Gazette reporting on all things to do with the Whitby Whaler u3a. Social and organised events were held across the year. The Queens Platinum Jubilee not only provided perfect weather but a great celebration of the event as well as the 40th anniversary. The events were very well attended and provided an opportunity for our musical groups and singers to showcase their talents. Our financial accounts show a healthy position and these only enhance our long-term viability. Thanks were extended to the committee for their work throughout the year with particular reference to those standing down. (proposed Barry Foster, seconded Joyce Stangoe)</p>
5.	<p>Treasurer's report to Receive and Adopt the statement of Accounts 2021-2022 (see Appendix 2) The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st July 2022 shows a positive of £19148.94. The income of £29717.49 made up of Subscriptions, Class fees (only a small amount), Gift Aid and donations. Expenditure of £29142.65 was made up of Room Hire, Tutor fees and Administration. Affiliation fees, Insurances, Music and Copy Licences still had to be paid with only five months activities. Janice did point out that the membership from 2020-2021 had been inflated and that this year's subscriptions had been reduced be reduced. Janice thanked Michael Scholey who audited the accounts and Maureen Agar who expertly managed the Social Account. The Treasurer's report was adopted and signed. (Proposed : Mo Metcalfe Seconded: Trevor Barrowcliffe)</p>

6.	<p>Adoption of an independent Examiner of Accounts for 2022-2023 Mr Michael Scholey has indicated his willingness to be the Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2022-2023 (Proposed Janet Peake Seconded : Joyce Stangoe)</p>
7.	<p>Approval of Amendments for consideration and vote Michael explained that the proposed amendment had been withdrawn and it was proposed from the committee that a small working party should be appointed to look into the idea. That is a membership fee to cover the cost of membership and fees paid (at the moment weekly per group) to be included and therefore reduce cash handling and safety and time for the Treasurer who often has large amounts to count and then transfer to the bank for deposit. It was stressed that this was not a money-making exercise but a health and safety issue. .</p> <p>There followed dialogue from the floor: Ruth Harwood asked how the committee proposed to involve the membership. The newsletter was mentioned as an opportunity for members to share ideas and information; Dalton Peake noted that this would give the membership time to consider any proposal; David Bradley wondered why with a healthy balance there was any need to consider any increase; Trevor Barrowcliffe , as a committee member on Yorkshire & Humberside u3a would take the proposal and discuss the issue with other u3as.; Joyce Stangoe wondered whether two tiers of payment would work e.g. those attending only one group or new members and those attending more than 1 group. She also asked that trip money be also considered; Anne Jackson asked if the proposal would be considered and voted on at the next AGM in 2023; Ros Clarkson wondered if the proposed £50 could be split over the year. Michal thanked everyone and said that the working committee would consider all the recommendations and the membership kept informed.</p>
8.	<p>Election of Committee 2022-2023 The outgoing committee were thanked for their efforts throughout the year. The following were re- elected to the Committee for 2022-2023:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Janice Shade (Treasurer) Maureen Agar (Assistant Treasurer, Social Account) Mo Metcalfe (Membership) Sheila Sloan (Newsletter) Wendy Price (Curriculum) Julian Plested (Committee)</p> <p>The following were elected to the Committee for 2022-2023:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anne Jackson (Chairman 1 year Office) Sandra Goodship (Secretary) Cynthia Richardson (Accessibility Health & Safety) Angela Walton (Committee)</p> <p>Thanks were extended to the new committee for the forthcoming year. A Vice- Chair to be elected from within the committee, promoting and advertising for a Chairman at the 2023 AGM, and room for 2 more from the membership to join the committee. Trevor Barrowcliffe , involved with Y&H u3a and Pauline Shepherd willing to help in any way they are needed.</p>
9.	<p>Consideration of Motions from Committee /Members There were no motions for consideration.</p>
10.	<p>Date of AGM 2023 AGM of Whitby Whaler u3a to take place 14th October 2023 . Venue to be arranged</p>

The meeting closed at 11.10 with thanks to Mr Michael Menier for taking the chair.

APPENDIX 1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021- 2022 *Michael Menier*

The past year has been a period of growth in comparison to 2020-2021 with some semblance of normality returning to our wonderful vibrant organisation. It has been a gradual transition from the dark days of lock down and our reliance on Zoom for video conferencing. Groups are now actively meeting face to face and while some members have been slow in returning the omens are very positive as we look forward to a new year.

Due to the continued closure of the St. Johns Ambulance building we have used alternative venues and gained new alliances. Retaining such good will is essential whatever the future holds, and we have learned not to put all our eggs in one basket. Our priority must be to utilise a variety of venues and continue to consider other options across the Whitby District.

New Groups started and others were planned. With the enthusiasm of our members and the dedication of convenors and administrators the future remains bright. There are no barriers to growth so long as more members are prepared to go the extra mile for the Whitby Whalers. Remember we are member led and everybody who leads groups or sits on the Committee are volunteers. Good ideas are always welcome, and nothing is discounted. We cannot please everyone all the time, but we try.

We have enhanced our methods of communicating with the membership and I offer big thanks to all who have contributed. Sheila Sloan deserves much praise for the newsletter which we should all be proud of. The website has been enhanced and our Facebook page is being read by more and more members and people across the district encouraging new members and keeping everyone informed. Thanks to Jan Jennings for making this possible and all who provide the online content. Remember it is up to us all to share their experiences not just a few. We can only publicise what we are aware of.

Helen Leech has done a wonderful job with her publicity role, and I always enjoy reading her monthly slot in the Whitby Gazette. She always creates a different theme each month and helps to promote the core values of the Whalers.

In addition to our regular classes across the district our social and organised events continued to thrive. The Queens Platinum Jubilee event at the rugby club in perfect weather was a great tribute to the Queens service above and beyond, together with our celebration of the u3a's 40th anniversary. Many day trips were also organised together with theatre trips and concert outings. Thank you for all those involved in making these activities so successful. Pantomime at the Rifle Club was great fun and well attended while other events were planned.

As you will have seen from our financial accounts we remain in a healthy position and such robust finances only enhance our long-term viability. A big thank you to Janice Shade our Treasurer, Maureen Agar our assistant Treasurer and Michael Scholey our trusted auditor. Such roles are often taken for granted but their efforts are greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone on the committee and their support this past year. Special thanks to Clair Stones, Helen Leach and Adrian Jennings who are stepping down from the Committee this year. Clair deserves special praise for her efforts in making the Whitby Whalers what we are today. Clair does so much, and she will be a big loss. This year she drafted and re drafted our policy documents which are now available to view on our website. In addition, she revamped the convenors handbooks single handily. Without her we would not be the organisation we are today. Fortunately, Clair is not leaving us and will continue leading groups and administering our beacon management system.

Last year I agreed to stand as Chair for 12 months after Anne Jackson stood down. The 12 months is now up, and I am sure we all look forward to supporting the new postholder. While some positions are flexible, we cannot operate without our Executive Officers, who are the Chair, the Treasurer, and the Business Secretary. It has been a challenging

year in so many ways but as with all challenges come rewards. I offer my thanks to all who gave their support this past year and hope we continue to grow and offer the community the opportunity to learn new skills, socialise and meet new friends.

As I say too often, but I reiterate, together as a group we are so much stronger and healthier and lets all continue to support our wonderful Whitby Whalers.

Kindest Regards to you all,

Your chairman,

Michael Menier

08 October 2022.

APPENDIX 2 Statement of Accounts 2021-22

WHITBY WHALER u3a
(Registered Charity No. 1031689)
Receipts and Payments Account for 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	6648.00		5688.00	
Class Fees	20561.70		<u>2295.00</u>	
Coffee Mornings	<u>87.03</u>			
		27296.73		7983.00
Other receipts				
Gift Aid	747.00		714.98	
Merchandise	15.00			
Donations	2.50		<u>15.00</u>	
Grant from Trust	<u>150.00</u>			
		914.50		729.98
Social Account				<u>118.51</u>
Bank Interest		<u>21.32</u>		<u>20.56</u>
Total Receipts		<u>28232.55</u>		<u>8615.03</u>
Less payments				
Room Hire	19294.50		444.00	
Class Activities	4980.13		712.49	
Merchandise	159.63		401.11	
Membership			<u>24.00</u>	
Coaches	1085.00			
Bank charges	<u>109.12</u>			1581.60
		25628.38		
Support Costs				
Affiliation Fees	2376.00		1500.00	
Management & Administration	424.27		817.30	
Beacon	594.00		<u>533.00</u>	
Licence (TAT) x 2	<u>120.00</u>			
		3514.27		<u>2850.30</u>
Total Payments		<u>29142.65</u>		<u>4431.90</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<u>910.10</u>		4183.13
Cash Funds at 1 August 2021		<u>30621.89</u>		29178.49
Cash funds 31 July 2022		<u>29711.79</u>		<u>33361.62</u>
Represented by :				
HSBC Current Account		19148.94		20080.36
Epworth Cash Plus Fund		<u>10562.85</u>		2739.73
		<u>29711.79</u>		<u>10541.53</u>
				<u>33361.62</u>

Audited and found correct and in accordance with information supplied :-

G M Scholey FCA  Date 18.8.22

List of Members in Attendance Whitby Whaler u3a October 15th 2022

Kathleen Wood	Heather Rowland	Pat Headley
Ann Storr	Trevor Barrowcliffe	Linda Jeffrey
June Paylor	Joanna Ferris	Dave Jeffrey
Jeanette Cromack	Stephanie Simmons	Carol Simpson
Steve Charlesworth	Joy Huish	Roger Cohen
Frances Hilson	S. O'Connor	Glen Freeman
Jan Jennings	J.P. O'Connor	Betty Bayliss
Chris Hunter	Dagh Kjeldahl	Helen Wren
Mary Thompson	Ann Hall	Graham Robinson
Adrian Jennings	Susan Chilton	Rose Corner
Barry Foster	Ros Clarkson	John Bailey
Angela Sutton	M. Pithers	Barbara Bailey
Mike Sutton	R. Braithwaite	Mo Metcalfe
Mike Scholey	Gladys Smith	Mike Stones
Margaret Scholey	Pauline Shepherd	Clair Stones
Don Readman	Phil Howarth	Ian Wilkin
Elizabeth Cheyne	Bruce Russell	Cindy Kolter
Helen Leech	Cynthia Russell	Anne Jackson
Eileen Brown	David Bradley	Alan Jackson
Elaine Halliday	Vanessa Hammond	Roger Payn
Maureen Agar	Priscilla Wren	Brenda Proctor
Shirley Rhucroft	S. Welbourn	Dalton Peake
Alan Ritson	Sandra Goodship	Janet Peake
Rob McCrone	John Dickinson	Philip Griffiths
Paulina Templeton	Mike Holmes	Elizabeth Cole
Graham Templeton	Trish Holmes	Elizabeth Goodall
Angela Walton	Jane Welford	Joyce Stangoe
Eric Walton	June Davidson	Dorothy Morley
Cynthia Richardson	Sheila Sloan	Ruth Harwood
Janice Shade	Susan Menier	Jane Crisp
Wendy Price	Michael Menier	
92 in attendance		