Hornsea & District

u3a

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 10.15am

Hazel Adamson, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 106 members present. The Chair then handed the running of the AGM to Adam Wilkinson, the Secretary.

1. Apologies

June Barr; Barbara Cowan; Don Cowan; Rae Hampson; Lynda Lee.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

These were approved by Margaret Preece and seconded by Sarah Wilkinson. No dissensions raised.

3. Consider any matters arising from the minutes.

There were none.

4. Chair's report and review of the year – November 2024 to October 2025

Well a year ago I received a promotion!
From the seller of raffle tickets to that of Chair of Hornsea & District u3a.

I took over from Jane, who had done a sterling job, steering us through Covid and bringing us out the other side. So a choice act to follow.
But I hope I have continued to raise the profile of Hornsea & District u3a.

Although I am not a resident of Hornsea, I do belong to the '& District' part.
As a child growing up in Hull, Hornsea was a frequent place to visit as a family.
Our daughter and older grandchildren attended Hornsea School and Language College. And I have also been a weekly visitor to Hornsea through various activities

over many years. So I have a keen interest in Hornsea and you could say that Hornsea is part of my DNA.

Hornsea is a lovely place, and to be able to offer people such a great organisation as u3a, is an asset. It is unique as it is run by the members, for the members. So within that, there is always a role for people to play and be part of, contributing their own assets, for the benefit of all.

Reflecting on my first year in post, I first asked for someone to access grants for our u3a - and Angela responded and has done an amazing job. She has achieved grants for new laptops for various committee members - the old laptops were old and slow! She also achieved funding from 'Do it for East Yorkshire' for the annual Garden Party and VE80/VJ80 celebrations (- more on that topic below.)

I introduced a Suggestion Box, which has been used over the year by you the membership. But could be used more!
I, because I had to, changed the way the raffle was done, and you the membership responded and accepted prizes instead of cash.

Hopefully the interest in Hornsea & District u3a has continued through the u3a news article I write for the Hornsea Community News, profiling the ethos: Learn, Live, Laugh.
I also hope that the monthly email you receive from me is useful with information of Hornsea & District u3a and also the wider u3a organisation.

On your behalf I Zoom with YAHR representatives; go to quarterly Accord meetings in areas I hadn't previously been (thank goodness for Sat' Nav') and spread the name of your u3a wherever I can.

In September we held the much anticipated Garden Party/ V80/VJ80 celebration on the 19th September. This was put together largely by Angela and her team, with support from the committee. It was a great occasion, with the Mayor of Hornsea (Cllr Elaine Young); Pat Collard and Brian Cave our u3a Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) representatives; who also posted photos of our event onto the YAHR u3a Facebook page. It was good to put a face to the names!
Not least the event was well supported by you the membership and by non u3a members, who hopefully realised their need to be part of this great organisation!
We are always open to new members and offer a warm and friendly greeting, not least by Elaine, who does a grand job, indicating the car registration input to everyone and reminding me to wear my 'badge'.

Being 'Chair' is just one small part of the running of Hornsea & District u3a; there is of course the committee, but also the 'Tea Ladies', John & John from the Floral Hall

who set everything up for us. There is Ken who does the IT bits and pieces and upgrades our systems. Not forgetting Ted (President) & Sue Gray who are always around to help where needed.

Looking ahead to the next year I, together with the committee, hope to increase our membership and continue to be a force in the community. As ever there is the recruitment drive, to encourage everyone of you to help create the u3a you deserve.
I also look forward to receiving or hearing any suggestions you may have to bring this about.
As Chair I have been part of the wonderful committee, who individually, and collectively, do a great job.

As was said to me from the earliest of days. The chair of u3a is like the conductor of an orchestra.
They keep everyone on target, bring in the bassoons here, the trumpets there, then the violins, with the constant beat of the bass - Adam! All to make a joyful sound.

I do hope we have attained this target for you this year. But if not there is always the suggestion box to air your views.
Thank you for having me as your Hornsea & District u3a Chair.

5. Review and approval of the Accounts for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

The accounts were approved by Sheila Ward and seconded by Margaret Preece. No dissensions raised.

6. Approve the appointment of an Examiner of the Accounts for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Leo Murray is unable to do this again. A 'thank you' card and gift had been provided to Leo prior to the AGM to recognise his many years of performing this role for the u3a.

Andrew Chambers has agreed to take on this role for 2025/26.

7. Vote of thanks for all the Hornsea & District u3a Volunteers (for example, the Committee, Communications Officer, all group leaders, all Floral Hall volunteers - meeters, refreshments, etc).

Adam Wilkinson proposed a 'vote of thanks'. This was seconded by Carl Northwood.

8. Appoint a Treasurer to serve until the Eighteenth AGM in 2027.

Carl Northwood was duly appointed as Treasurer.

9. Appoint a Secretary to serve until the Eighteenth AGM in 2027.

Adam Wilkinson was duly appointed as Secretary.

10. Appoint a Welfare & Volunteers Officer to serve until the Nineteenth AGM in 2028.

Rita Bremer was duly appointed as Welfare & Volunteers Officer.

11. Appoint a Safeguarding Officer to serve to serve until the Nineteenth AGM in 2028.

Rita Bremer was duly appointed as Safeguarding Officer.

The roles detailed in Agenda items 10. and 11. will be merged into one role, that of a 'Safeguarding, Welfare & Volunteers Officer'.

12. Appoint up to three Committee members to serve until the Nineteenth AGM in 2028.

Kath Connor was appointed to the Committee.

The Secretary reminded attendees that other roles within the Committee remained vacant.

11. Any Other Urgent Business

Three questions/comments were raised by members:

- The Secretary outlined how often the Committee meets (monthly, last Tuesday of the month from 0930 - 1300), and what is covered (generally, but not limited to, Committee members providing an update on their areas of responsibility; future planning for Hornsea &

District u3a; actions linked to the national and regional u3as; correspondence, etc.).

- That when sending surveys to members please do not send pdf files that cannot be edited.
- To remind attendees that the hearing loop in Floral Hall only works if a person sits in the front 2-3 rows of chairs.

12. Conclude the meeting

The meeting ended at 10.34am

Minutes approved at Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026.