

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT u3a
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1156163

MINUTES

THE TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025, THE MEMORIAL HALL, BEVERLEY

1. Welcome

The Chair, Pam Buckton, welcomed all the members present to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Adamson, Susan Adamson, Kathy Ball, Peter Banks, David Barton, Kevin Bonnett, Janet Coish, John Coish, Colin Cook, Ruth Cook, Lesley Cummins, Michael Farrimond, Marion Gamble, Fran Gaskell, Anne Gower, Ann Gray, Michael Gray, Lesley Hobbs, Pauline Hooper, Haydn Jones, June Lawe, Michael Rushden, Huguette Savoie, George Sweeting, Sue Symmons, Elizabeth Taylor, Graham Walker, Mike Welsh, Linda Worthington and Christine Youngs,

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 25th AGM held on 18 July 2024 were approved, the motion having been proposed by Chris Jordison and seconded by Gary Edles.

4. Chair's report

Pam Buckton, Chair, presented the Chair's report for 2024/25.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the founding of our u3a. She was pleased to report that the organisation goes from strength to strength with a 12% increase in membership over the last year. Following the renewal process we have over 660 full members. This level of growth presents the challenge of ensuring that we have enough interest groups to cope and much work has been done to expand the number and variety of groups on offer. As always, groups can only start if someone comes forward to coordinate them and our meetings for new members have been a useful source of new ideas and volunteers.

During the year work has continued on ensuring that we comply with our legal obligations as a registered charity by reviewing and updating a number of mandatory and recommended policies and making them available to all members on our website. The trustees also agreed a reserves policy and made plans to utilise the excess funds which had built up over many years. In order to ensure that all existing members would benefit, the year's renewal fee was discounted by £5.

The committee has also organised a number of social events to mark the silver anniversary: a Spring Fair in April, several exclusive lunches at Elwell's restaurant and a Fish and Ships event at Hornsea Inshore Rescue. An evening event is planned for the autumn. These events could not happen without additional help from members and we are very grateful to those who volunteered.

During the year we welcomed two new trustees, Linnia Khemdoudi as Social Secretary and Sue Cooper as Minutes Secretary.

Finally, both the treasurer, Jo Herrick and the Chair are stepping down from the committee at this meeting. Pam thanked Jo for her efficient and judicious management of our finances, and all her committee colleagues for their support, enthusiasm and commitment during her time as Chair.

5. Treasurer's report

Jo Herrick, Treasurer, reported on financial activities for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The accounts for 2024-25 were not significantly different from the previous year. Points to note were as follows:

The reduction in Subscription income was due to the discounted price for renewing members this year.

The Gift Aid was claimed later this year for technical reasons and £1400.36 was actually received on the 8th April, and will show in next year's figures. We have also claimed for last year and will receive £1306.09 any day now.

The £913 transferred from the groups account was the value of the historic Raffle which for some reason was being held in the Groups account.

The £78 expenditure under the heading social events was an early cost of the Spring Fair. Overall, the subsidised Spring Fair event cost just short of £800, but most of this will be reflected in next year's figures.

Advertising costs have increased - we bought a new banner, some bookmarks and funded a Christmas Tree at the Minster.

Assets mainly refers to costs for upgrading an old laptop to use at the C Club, and a new clicker when one went missing earlier in the year.

The Treasurer is not standing for re-election this year, She has done 3 years of final accounts and feel it's time to let someone else pick up the baton. She hopes that the new Treasurer enjoys the role as much as she has done. She thanked all her fellow Committee members, particularly Pam Buckton and Colin Robertson, without whom the job would have been much more difficult.

She also thanked George Sweeting who has been our Independent Examiner for many years, and who is also stepping down.

6. Appointment of an Independent Financial Examiner

The Beverley & District u3a committee was given approval to appoint an independent examiner to audit the accounts for 2025/26, the motion having been proposed by Pam Jolly and seconded by Chris Jordison.

7. Election of Officers and Committee members

The following nominees were elected to serve for one year as Officers and Committee members, having been proposed by Anne Barton and seconded by David Inman:

Officers	Chair	Simon Tull
	Secretary	Nadine Tull
	Treasurer	Adrian Ramsdale

Committee Members

Sue Cooper
Rachel Ellis-Jones
Linnia Khemdoudi
John Kilner
Shelagh Murray
Colin Robertson

8. Closure of the Meeting

Simon Tull, the incoming Chair, thanked Pam Buckton and Jo Herrick for all they had done for the u3a. He also thanked David Williamson for his time organising the refreshments for the monthly meetings, as he had also stepped down from his role. The new Chair concluded by thanking members for attending and closed the meeting.