

Dear Member,

Minutes of meeting held in January are set out below. **Please note that it has been agreed that the local Group subscription of £5 be suspended for 2023 (Item 5).**

Yours sincerely,
Joyce I'Anson
Chair

**CSPA Scarborough Group
Minutes of Meeting Held on 23 January 2023
at Westborough Church Scarborough**

1. Welcome: Joyce I'Anson, Chair, welcomed 8 members and wished everyone a happy new year.
2. Apologies: Richard Kilsby and Ray Pollin.
3. Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022: Agreed, proposed by Richard Moore, seconded by Elaine Taylor.
4. Matters Arising: Council Tax reduction for single occupancy – James Howie, the Group's representative raised this at the Alliance's AGM. David Luxton had written to the local Government Minister and a copy of the reply was given to Richard who has raised the subject direct with HQ.
Andy Aitchison will hopefully be able to update us on any progress on the subject of the loss of widow's pension on remarriage or cohabitation at our AGM in April.
5. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer explained that he had completed the 2022 accounts ready for auditing and that the Branch had a healthy balance in its current account. The available funds were more than sufficient to cover the expected annual outlay for the Group and it was therefore proposed that the collection of annual subscriptions should be temporarily suspended for 2023 given the current cost of living crisis. Those present agreed.

The opening balance for the current year: Bank £511.86 Cash £33.55 Total £545.41

6. Record Secretary's Report: Sadly no new Members to welcome: one change of address notified to HQ. Short report has been done for inclusion in the Spring Edition of Pensioner.

7. Christmas Lunch: Everyone enjoyed the occasion and the opportunity to catch up and socialise. Grateful thanks to Joyce for arranging everything and Ray Pollin for the delightful and individually tailored Place Cards. Our 2023 lunch has been booked at the Park Manor for Friday 24 November. So please note your diaries.

8-11. The next meeting on 24th April is the AGM. Andy Aitchison, Regional Representative, will join us and update us on the latest news from HQ. The Group agreed that we would have lunch at the Three Jolly Sailors, Burniston after the meeting and that Andy and his wife Ann would be invited to join us.

We shall be voting for members of the Committee and for the Officers, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All posts are available, so please consider volunteering so that the Group can continue. Nominations should be sent to:

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12. AOB

- a) Stamps: those without a bar code will not be valid after end of June. These should be used or returned for refund. Forms are available from Post Offices.
- b) Women Only Post on the NEC: although this was a fait accompli, none of those present at the meeting agreed with the concept.
- c) Regional Structure: exactly how this would work was discussed at some length and the Group will be interested to hear of any progress from Andy at the AGM.
- d) Jocelyn Lovett, our oldest attendee at the age of 98, said how good it was to be back at meetings and socialising again after the long lockdowns.

13. Dates of Meetings:

24 April starting at 1100 in Westborough Church Scarborough, tea/coffee from 1030.
26 June ditto
25 September ditto

The Committee meets the week before at Joyce's address.

Sheena O'Connell
23 January 2023