

## WETHERBY & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 AT 2.30pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH WETHERBY.

The Chairman welcomed the members present.

1. **Apologies:** 27 apologies have been received with 120 members attending the meeting. If required the names can be obtained from the Secretary, Sue Jakeman.
2. **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 24 June 2015:** These were approved as correct. Proposed by Ruth Wheeler, seconded by Eric Cowin and agreed by the members.
3. **Chairman's Report:** Mike Green reported on the various key areas of Wetherby U3A.

**Membership** – this has now exceeded 1000 members. Subscriptions are to be reduced to £12 per annum for the year 2017/18. Members are encouraged to pay online as this saves much work for the membership team.

**Groups** – over 100 groups, courses and taster sessions now offer an ever increasing variety of opportunities to our members including this year the chance to become film critics or more experienced crafters, to cycle further or use their bus passes to go walking. Regular articles about U3A activities have been reported in the Wetherby News by our Roving Reporter Caroline Green.

**Events** – 129 people attended the Annual Lunch held at the Bridge Inn. Successful trips had been enjoyed to Warwick, Waddesdon Manor and a much enjoyed visit had recently been made to Northern Ireland. Thanks were given to Maeve Brook, Events Coordinator, who is standing down from the Committee, for all her hard work.

**Communications** – thanks were expressed to Joyce Bale, Kath Tweddle and Roger Hocking, our Webmaster for ensuring that Newsletters and Monthly Memos are produced and that the website is up to date.

**Monthly Open Meetings** – these had been well attended with numbers reaching 150 and over on several occasions. Varied and interesting speakers were a major part of this success and thanks were expressed to Ian Wells for putting together the programme of speakers and also to the team who help ensure the meetings go smoothly.

4. **Financial Report:** Due to Connie Appelbe being unable to attend Pat Harrigan delivered her Report. The Financial Statements for the financial year 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 had been placed on the seats of those attending. Income was £16,244 and expenditure £14,368. The membership fee is to be reduced (as outlined in the Chairman's Report above). This fee to be reviewed and monitored. The financial statements were approved by the meeting and this was proposed by Lesley Titchmarsh and seconded by Rochelle Cooke. Thanks were expressed to the Treasury team for their support and Connie wished Pat every success in her role as Treasurer.

5. **The appointment of the Examiner of the Accounts:** Chris Fussey was thanked for his work examining the accounts and he had agreed to continue for a further year. This was proposed by Joyce Bale and seconded by Michael Hare.
6. **Approval of co-opted members as Trustees:** Pat Harrigan as Treasurer, Sue Addinall as Membership Secretary, Brian Taylor as Vice-Chairman – Christine Naylor – Meetings and Lesley Titchmarsh – Events, having stepped down as trustees, were approved as coopted members of the committee.
7. **Any other business:**

**Maeve Brook** who is standing down from the Committee was again thanked for all her hard work and presented with a gift of flowers. Maeve offered her successor Lesley Titchmarsh her assistance, if required.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.50pm.