

WETHERBY & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2017 AT 2.30pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH WETHERBY.

The Chairman welcomed the members present.

- 1. Apologies:** The following apologies were received by the Secretary: Stehanie Watson, Raye Monkman, Liz Boldy, Mark Hopkins, Andrea and Andrew Morton, Sandra Ellen, Brenda Cooper, Barbara Cruddos and Margaret Allen.
- 2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2016:** These were approved as correct. Proposed by Maeve Brook, seconded by Peter Watson and agreed by the members.
- 3. Chairman's Report:** Mike Green reported on the various key areas of Wetherby U3A.

Membership – this currently stands at 1093 members.

Groups – There is much to celebration in this regard. There is a healthy ratio of groups and courses to membership numbers as new additions have far outweighed the small number of closures. These new additions have included a number of mark two or even mark three versions of existing groups – thus reflecting the success and reputation of the 'parent' groups. A number of existing groups have found new leaders on the retirement of existing leaders. Thanks to all group leaders for their energy and continued enthusiasm which remain the secret of our success.

Events – The main event was a short break to Holland in April attended by forty five members. Feedback on the trip has been excellent and many have already asked Lesley Titchmarsh where we are going next year. The Anniversary Lunch in May was attended by one hundred and sixteen members and was well received. The free drink on arrival was very popular with the members. Preparations for the Volunteers Lunch next month are now well in hand and we expect eighty people to attend. The lunch is prepared by a team of members and is very much appreciated by those attending.

New Member Meetings – Three Meetings have been held since the last AGM, with over one hundred and twenty new and prospective members attending.

Monthly Open Meetings – these had been well attended with numbers reaching 150 and over on several occasions which is similar to last year. Ian Wells continues to find interesting and amusing speakers and the visit of Harry Gration earlier in the year was perhaps the highlight. As the feedback was so good it is hoped to find another somewhat higher profile speaker again next year and so looking at the numbers of attendees would again need to be monitored. Thanks to the team of volunteers who provide refreshments and set up tables, chairs and the audio/visual system. For the second year we took the December Showcase to the Engine Shed and as feedback was good it is intended to keep this as an annual event at this venue.

Communications – The communications team continue to ensure that the website is up to date, that Newsletters and Monthly Memos are produced and thanks go to Alan Pengilley, Joyce Bayle, Kath Tweddle and to Roger Hocking our Webmaster.

The Chairman again thanked everyone involved in the running of Wetherby U3A for their hard work and enthusiasm during the last twelve months.

- 4. Financial Report:** Pat Harrigan, the Treasurer presented her report. A complete set of accounts, including the Consolidated Statement, Social Fund and Group Accounts, has been considered by the Committee and if anyone would like a copy please let Pat know. As anticipated the surplus for the year was £3,216. The Membership Fee for the current year has been reduced from £14 to £12. The Treasurer thanked those who used Gift Aid as this represents an important part of income. Thanks for their support were expressed to the Treasury Team – Connie Appelbe, Assistant Treasurer, Sue Addinall, Membership Secretary, Neal Priestland, who coordinates the groups accounts and Malcolm Brook who submits Gift Aid Returns to HMRC. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the meeting – this was proposed by Raye Monkman and seconded by Roger Hocking.
- 1. The appointment of the Examiner of the Accounts:** Chris Fussey was thanked for his work examining the accounts and as Chris is standing down, Ann Hill, who was an accountant until her retirement, has volunteered to take on this appointment. Proposed by Ian Wells and seconded by Sue Addinall.
- 2. Election of Committee Members:** Members were elected to the Committee as follows:

Chairman – Brian Taylor (1st Year) – Proposed by the Management Committee. **Vice-Chairman:** John Pentith – Proposed by Alan Pengilley and Glenys Pengilley. **Treasurer:** Pat Harrigan (Commencing 2nd Year) – Proposed by the Management Committee. **Secretary:** Sue Jakeman (Commencing 3rd Year) - Proposed by the Management Committee. **Membership Secretary:** Sue Addinall (2nd Year) – Proposed by the Management Committee. **Groups Co-ordinator:** Delia Wells – Proposed by the Management Committee. **Assistant Treasurer:** Clive Springle – Proposed by the Management Committee. **Committee Members:** Caroline Mercer – Proposed by Lesley Titchmarsh and Sue Addinall, Lesley Newnham – Proposed by Brian Taylor and Alan Pengilley.
- 3. Approval of co-opted members as Trustees:** The following were Proposed by the Management Committee to continue for a further year - **Communications Officer:** Alan Pengilley, **Minutes Secretary:** June Warner, **Events Organiser:** Lesley Titchmarsh and **Open Meeting Co-ordinator:** Christine Naylor.

All appointments were approved.

- 4. Any other business:** There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.45pm.