



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

At the request of the Chairman, James Dwyer, Deputy Chairman, conducted the meeting. James welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM and said that the Committee would be standing down in accordance with the Constitution.

### Present

174 signed the Register

### Apologies for absence:

The following members registered their apologies:

Christine Greet, Brian Kerrison, Christine Kerrison, Ann Banks, Anne Mount, William Brown, Lisette Osbourn, Lesley Furlong and Veda Snow.

### Minutes and Approval from the last A.G.M.

The minutes, which have been available on the web site, were read by the Secretary. Christine Simpson proposed and Ian Lawson seconded that they be adopted as a true record. Agreed Nem.con. and signed by the Chairman

### Chairman's Report

The Deputy Chairman read the report prepared by the Chairman, Janet Pearson.

This year has again been a very successful year for our U3A, although on a personal note could have been a whole lot better. As some of you witnessed at our Open Meetings a side effect of my condition is a varying ability to speak clearly and loudly enough for people to hear.

This year we have introduced a Newsletter which has been well received as it keeps news current, we are also reducing the number of Updates to 2 a year. Classes are going well although we had to cancel a number of Pilates ones owing to illness. We are always looking for people who are prepared to start new groups, either because existing ones are full or they have a subject/topic/expertise that would be of interest.

I would like to thank my Committee, Jim Dwyer, Vice-Chairman, Ann Treglown, Treasurer, John Trueman, Membership Secretary, Mary Curtis, Activities Co-ordinator and Brian Kerrison, Speakers Organiser. all of whom have done a sterling job, both individually and as part of the team. I would also like to thank Tony Treglown who nobly stepped in to the role of Secretary when Pauline Palmer had to stand down because of family commitments. My thanks also go to Pauline.

Our thanks, as always, go to Martin Hugall, who runs our website extremely efficiently and comprehensively even though he is not a Committee Member. Please remember the information on there is only as good as the information given to him and we rely on you to keep him informed of any changes or of any errors that you notice,

I would also like to thank the Co-ordinators who run the groups as without you we would not have a U3A and to say that I hope you enjoyed the lunch earlier this year.

As you will hear the Nominees, standing, remain the same as last year and I look forward to working with them all again.

I am sure all of you would like to send our good wishes to Ann Banks, our Membership Secretary for many years and wish her good luck and a speedy recovery.

#### Treasurers Report ( Accounts attached also available on Website)

Ann Treglown, Treasurer, presented her financial report.

The annual accounts and financial statements have been prepared using applicable Accounting Standards and have been examined by an Independent Examiner in accordance with the Charity Commissioners' requirements.

As I advised last year, the Charities Commission instructed that all income generated by the U3A must be reported, and to that end the finances for Theatre and Travel are now included in the figures presented to you. Again, my thanks to Jean Little for assisting in the administration of the Theatre & Travel account.

Income for the year totalled £10181.87, which consists of membership fees, Gift Aid and bank interest (such as it is). Expenditure was £11657.39, resulting in a loss of £1475.52. Last year the loss was £1353.41. With this in mind, the Committee has decided to increase the Membership fees to £12.50 for this coming year 2019-2020.

Class fees for the year totalled £30178.92 and expenses £30219.12, a loss of £40.20. Again, my sincere thanks to all the coordinators who work so hard to balance their individual group accounts. The Theatre and Travel group made a loss this year of £740.36. This was deliberate to reduce some of the surplus made in previous years.

Last year our bank holding was £9022.90 plus £3950.60 for T&T, a total of £12973.59. With the loss of £1475.52 of expenditure over income, the loss of £740.36 on T&T and the loss of £40.20 on the rest of the classes, this brings our total holding to £10717.51 as shown on the Receipts and Payments account.

Some may notice that the money generated from classes is some £4000 less than last year.

The Treasurer explained that this reduction is a result of a number of issues related to several groups and should not be taken as a reduction in coverage.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr Robert Currie who has examined our accounts for the last nine years. He has now decided to stand down.

I would like to propose the adoption of the accounts.

Joanne O'Connor proposed and Trevor Osbourn seconded adoption.

Agreed Nem.con.

#### Appointment of Independent Examiner

The U3A would like to appoint Benten and Co as the Examiner of Accounts for next year.

Proposed / Seconded

Angela Rowland proposed and Jean Little seconded that Benten and Co be appointed to this role.

Agreed Nem con.

#### Election of Committee

The following people had submitted correctly completed nomination forms in accordance with the Constitution

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>
Mary Curtis	Julie Philpot	Alan Curtis
James Dwyer	Ian Lawson	Jean Little
Brian Kerrison	Christine Kerrison	Barbara Scrace
Janet Pearson	John Pearson	Ann Cooper
Ann Treglown	Jennifer Palmer	Judith Forster
Anthony Treglown	Grahame Wilmott	Anthony Marks
John Trueman	Josephine Trueman	Derek Ayres

Christine Simpson proposed and Rosalind Wright seconded that they be elected en bloc. This was agreed Nem.con.

#### AOB

Angela Rowland enquired whether there had been a problem in receiving Membership Applications as they were circulated in the last edition of Update.

The Treasurer stated that no major problems had been experienced.

Meryl Tyers asked whether the recently introduced Newsletter would be published on a monthly basis.

The Deputy Chairman explained that future Newsletters would be distributed as and when there were important issues to publicise rather than on a set timetable.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.55 pm.