



## **2018 AGM MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BARNSELY AND DISTRICT U3A**

**HELD AT THE PRIORY CAMPUS ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018**

#### **PRESENT:**

Alan Swann (Chairman), Ernest Bradley (Vice Chairman), Pam Clayton (Business Secretary) Hilary Newton (Treasurer), John MacKinnon (Membership Secretary), Helen Dew (New Members), Margaret Saxton (Social Secretary), Beth Rudkin (Development Officer) Sue Rowley (Choir), Max Senior (Equalities Officer), Trudy Atkinson (Gift Aid), Mike Booth (Website Administrator).

**APOLOGIES:** Mike Nevins (Room Bookings)

#### **1      WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed members to the twenty-second Annual General Meeting and pointed out that copies of the twenty-first AGM Minutes had been published in the Spring Buzz and were also being displayed on screen at the meeting. The Agenda and the 2017/18 Financial Statement were available in the current Buzz, along with the Chairman's Annual Report.

A minute's silence was held in respect of members who had passed away during the last year. The Chair paid tribute to Dennis Avison, who was Chairman of BU3A in the early years, who died recently.

#### **2      MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members were asked to consider the Minutes of the previous AGM. These were then accepted as a correct record. **Proposed by Trudy Atkinson and seconded by Sarah Taylor.**

#### **3      MATTERS ARISING**



There were no matters arising.

#### **4 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual report printed in the Buzz will be submitted to the Charities Committee along with the end of year accounts for publication on their website.

#### **5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

BU3A continues to maintain its strong position in the region and this is down to its spirit of “we make it work”. We are able to offer a range of groups that are of interest to members and currently there are 100 activities available. The continued growth in new membership brings with it new ideas and opportunities to develop further activities.

Advertising is one of our strengths and, historically, this was mainly done by word of mouth but more recently, we have added BU3A publicity leaflets. The website has undergone significant development, which gives an up to date summary of what we do. We also have the Buzz, which is now a real magazine that is often passed on to friends and neighbours. Overall, this high-quality publicity plays a big part in letting people know about us, which in turn leads to increasing membership numbers.

Members were informed that there is now an excellent archive of Barnsley U3A which is housed at Age UK [Barnsley], Eldon Street. Thanks were extended to Michael Swift and Mary Burbidge for their excellent work in putting this together. The archive is available to view by request.

**The Chairman's Report was accepted – proposed by June Rolfe and seconded by Swaran Dhal.**

#### **6 TREASURER'S REPORT (Hilary Newton)**

The accounts are available in the current Buzz. The expenditure against room hire has increased this year but is mainly due to new groups being created. It was pointed out that the Affiliation Fees shown on the report are incorrect, showing some £950 too much. This is due to Beacon Access and the CLA licence being added to the wrong column. Buzz posting is less this year due to reduced postal costs as we are now able to use the franking facility at Age UK. It is important that members clearly state how they wish to receive their copy of the Buzz in order to avoid any confusion and duplication. The Treasurer appealed to co-ordinators to bring the blue boxes into the monthly meetings on a regular basis.



The accounts were accepted as a true record - proposed by Mac McKechnie and seconded by Mike Pease.

**7      SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Margaret Saxton)**

Three successful social events had taken place during the year – a Race Night in September, the December Christmas Lunch and the Burns night in January. The raffles at all monthly meetings have been well supported. Events for the coming year will include a Ceilidh, Race Night, Christmas Lunch and Burns Night. An appeal was made for members to join the Social Committee.

**8      DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT (Beth Rudkin)**

Much concentration has been given to Penistone this year where there are currently 11 new groups including Cricket Watching and a West African Group starting in September.

Other new groups commencing during the year include:

Toutes Flutes; Mixed Walking Football; Sunday Strollers; Beginners Tai Chi; One Club; Link Group (previously called New Members); Literature Group; Beginners Ukulele; Introduction to Spanish; Karaoke Singers; Gadget Help Group (drop in).

How Our Ancestors Lived which started in Penistone will now also be starting a new group in Barnsley, to be held at the Dodworth Welfare. Crafty Chat has been renamed Every Craft. Information regarding all groups is available in the Buzz.

**9      NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Business Secretary (Pam Clayton) read out nominations for the Executive Committee as follows:

Alan Swann – Chairman

Hilary Newton – Treasurer

The nominees for election to the Committee were -

Trudy Atkinson; Mike Booth; Helen Dew; John MacKinnon; Michael Nevins; Sue Rowley;

Beth Rudkin; Margaret Saxton; Max Senior.

A show of hands from members of the meeting present accepted the above.



## **10**      **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS OF ACCOUNTS**

Les Roberts and Don Smith to continue in the role of joint examiners of the accounts.

## **11**      **COORDINATORS' UPDATES**

Travel Group – Chrissie White gave an overview of upcoming events, which include trips to Edinburgh, Chester, Thursford, North Yorks Railway, the River Trent and the Royal Albert Hall. Interest slips had been left on chairs at the meeting for members to complete.

It was announced by the Chair that Sue Button and Caroline Senior have been requested to attend a meeting in Sheffield to introduce the Oral History project to Sheffield U3A.

The Thursday Gardeners group are going to Burnby Hall in August at a cost of £32; should members wish to join this trip, please contact the Co-ordinator.

An event in Locke Park called “Destination Barnsley” will take place on Sunday 15 July 2018, between 12.30pm and 4.30pm. This is a mixed event, which includes well-being workshops, sports, world fashion show, and board games. BU3A have been invited to take part by demonstrating various board games. For information contact Martin King or Victor Alt.

Chinese night - 15th August 2018

Curry night - 28th June 2018

## **12**      **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A request was made for anyone bringing milk bottle tops to the meeting to pre-sort them into appropriate colours.

Members were asked to note that if they have opted to collect the Buzz /read it on line or have it posted to them, they cannot pick up a further copy from Age UK [Barnsley], Eldon Street.

Marjorie Exley extended thanks to Alan Swann (Chair) and Ernest Bradley (Vice Chair) for their continued roles



in supporting the BU3A. The Chair gave thanks to his Committee and to the Co-ordinators for their hard work in maintaining a successful BU3A. Thanks also went to Robert Green for his work in ensuring the monthly meeting presentations run smoothly.

The Chairman cannot attend next monthly meeting, therefore the July monthly meeting will be chaired by Beth Rudkin.

**13**      **DATE OF NEXT AGM**      **3 June 2019.**