

## MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT U3A HELD AT PRIORY CAMPUS ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2016

**PRESENT:** Alan Swann (Acting Chair), Ernest Bradley (Vice Chair), Max Senior (Acting Treasurer), Pam Clayton (Business Secretary), Sue Stokes (Buzz Editor), Chrissie White (Social), Helen Dew (New Member Secretary), Mike Nevins (Room Bookings officer), Sue Rowley (Choir Representative).

**APOLOGIES:** Geoff Pike (Development Officer)

### 1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Twentieth Annual General Meeting - copies of the Nineteenth AGM Minutes and Agenda were available in the Buzz, which also contained a copy of the Chairman's Annual Report and the Income and Expenditure Account.

A minute's silence was held in respect of members who had passed away during the last year.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members were asked to read their copy of the Minutes. They were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by Ernest Bradley and seconded by Max Senior. There were no matters arising.

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The growth of Barnsley U3A continues unabated, with membership currently standing at 850.
  - There have been some major organisational achievements since the last Annual Report:
    - The successful implementation of the on-line membership system using the nationally developed Beacon System and for the first time, members have been able to pay through Pay-pal. The Chair gave thanks to Brian Dobson for his part in implementing the on-line system. Due to the resignation of the Membership Secretary an appeal was made for someone to cover this role which is currently being overseen by Sue Mouncey who will continue to give her support to the role.
    - The development of a revised Constitution which importantly sets time limits on the term of office which can be served by non-officer committee member
  - Communication - this is of major importance and the quarterly magazine, website and closed Facebook group along with emails through Newsflash are excellent but the major move forward will come from the online membership email addresses for which we hold 600. This will allow a streamlined flow of "communal" messages to members.
  - Finances - we are in a strong financial position which will allow us to explore the opportunity of town centre accommodation to provide a central hub for members to "drop in".
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event - This will take the form of a full day to showcase what the Barnsley U3A has to offer followed by a ticketed evening performance featuring the Choir, Ukulele Stringalongs and a locally based TV personality, Bernie Clifton
  - The Chair gave thanks to everyone who takes part in supporting Barnsley U3A.
- Alan Swann (nominated Chair) was thanked by Marjorie Exley for taking on the role in

the absence of anyone else coming forward.  
Geoff Jones and Michael Swift to act as Tellers for the meeting.

#### **4. REVISED CONSTITUTION (Mike Pease)**

The revised Constitution is now available on the website. A question was raised in respect of gender usage and it was confirmed that a note on the top of the Constitution covered this. It reads "please note that the terms he/his/him are used throughout this Constitution generically denotes male or female". He outlined the changes to the Constitution in respect of payment of subs and terms of office for the Executive Committee members and that 15% of members have to be at the meeting to pass a vote. Mike Pease proposed the changes be accepted in order that it can be lodged with the Third Age Trust. All in favour.

#### **5 TREASURER'S REPORT (Max Senior)**

The accounts currently show a healthy profit and were approved by a show of hands. Mike Pease requested that in future figures from last year's accounts be shown against this year's.

Approval was given for the Annual Report to be forwarded to the Charity Commission. Max appealed to members to support the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

#### **6 BUSINESS SECRETARY'S REPORT (Pam Clayton)**

Members were notified of the forthcoming Third Age Trust Conference which will take place from 23-25 August 2016 culminating with the AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

A request from BBC2 for a team for the Eggheads panel game was announced.

Nominations for election to Executive Committee were announced as follows:

Chairman - Alan Swann, Treasurer - Max Senior

The nominees elected to the Executive Committee are: Peter Smithies, David Lambert, Chrissie White, Sue Rowley, Michael Nevins, Helen Dew, Geoff Pike.

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to members who had served over the last year and had now retired. The new Committee was approved by a show of hands.

#### **7 CO-ORDINATOR UPDATES**

- **Social - Chrissie White**

Burntwood Court had been approached with a view to booking the venue once more for the annual Christmas lunch, details available soon. The Ceilidh held in April was a success. In September, the 'Yorkshire Teabags' Skiffle Band will entertain members with music and singing. Tickets for the Anniversary event on the 5<sup>th</sup> July are still available.

- **Travel Group - Lynn Maloney**

Lynn made an announcement on behalf of the Travel Group's itinerary. Future trips include Lincoln, Liverpool, Longleat. Members were requested to register their interest in trips to Cornwall, Edinburgh Tattoo, Thursford, Llandudno and Cheshire Oaks in 2017.

- **Recorder Group - Sylvia Webster**

Appeal made for new members. Meeting takes place at Alder Close Community Centre, Mapplewell, fortnightly on Wednesdays.

- **Card Group - Betty Higginbottom**

This group meets every Monday afternoon at Alder Close Community Centre, Mapplewell and anyone interested was invited to come along.

- **Choir - Sue Rowley**

The Choir are performing at the St Paul's Church Flower Festival on the 17 June, and the

annual concert will take place on the 2 August at the Emmanuel Church at 2pm.

- **History Group/Regional events - Beth Rudkin**

The History Group will commence in September: The Tudor Group is to be newly named Plantagenets. They will meet on the second and fourth Monday mornings in September. It was announced that a coach is available for members wishing to join in at the Regional event at Askham Bryan on 3 August 2016.

Friday Flix - Billy Elliot the Musical will be showing this week.

- **Movement to Music - Margaret Saxton**

The group meets every two weeks - 25<sup>th</sup> June, 3 July and 2 July. New members welcome.

## **8 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS OF ACCOUNTS**

Les Roberts and Lynne Maloney have agreed to continue to check the accounts.

## **9 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

It was reported that Anne Smith had had to stand down due to personal circumstances and Geoff Pike has taken over the role. In Geoff's absence Alan Swann informed the meeting of this change.

## **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Chair proposed that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Wynne Royston (former member who will be 100 years old this year) and a car be sent to her home to bring her to the Anniversary Event.
- Sue Stokes informed the meeting that the Summer Buzz includes the showcase programme and members were requested to promote the event with their various groups. It was pointed out that the numbering of the content list in the current Buzz is incorrect. A new system is in place now to streamline members picking up copies of the Buzz at the meeting. If a request has been made to read the Buzz online then a hard copy will not be available. Anyone wishing to change this request to inform Sue.
- The new Barnsley U3A banner was on display which will be very useful; other banners also available showing photos - these will be made available to any group wishing to use them for a public event. Sue requested up to date photos from groups as this data is required for the archive. With regard to the contact list members were asked to update this via Geoff Pike (Development Officer) or Sue Stokes.
- Marion Brown informed members of a commemorative event in respect of the Battle of the Somme taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 which will take place in the centre of Barnsley during the lunch period.
- Alan Swann informed the meeting that Tesco, Stairfoot have agreed to let us have a stand to advertise the U3A and volunteers were requested to help with this on 28<sup>th</sup> June between 11.00am and 3.00pm
- Len Collett, Chair of Age UK Barnsley will be attending the July monthly meeting to discuss a proposed partnership with Age UK Barnsley with a possible drop in facility in their town centre shop.
- Roy Marsden requested that for future meeting the Executive Committee members sit at the top table in order that members could be aware of who they are.
- Bob Smith requested coordinators, where possible, to put notes into the blue box last in order that the coins force the paper notes out.
- Betty Higginbottom briefed the meeting in respect of the Newsflash facility and asked members to update their email addresses with her so that they can receive important messages which may affect their groups. Emails are sent BCC so no-one sees any of the other email addresses.

The raffle was drawn and had raised £129.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

**11 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 5th June 2017**