

BISHOP'S STORTFORD U3A
Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held at the Methodist Church, Bishop's Stortford
14th March, 2016

The meeting was opened at 14.30 by the Chairman, Richard Cawse, who extended a warm welcome to all.

1) Apologies for absence: Susan Shaw, Beryl Smith.

2) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and Chairman's report

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were not read out by the Chairman as they had been published on the website and available via hard copy throughout 2015 for perusal and comment.

They were accepted as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Jenny McGregor
Seconded: Pat Henderson

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman Richard Cawse.

3) Matters Arising: None

4) Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Richard Cawse gave his report for 2015/16.

Copy attached to the file copy of the March 2016 Minutes. Available on the website or via hard copy upon request.

5) Treasurer's Report and the Appointment of Examiner

The examined accounts for 2015 were presented.

The Treasurer, Alasdair Hidden, gave his report and addressed various items in the accounts. The Treasurer informed members that with the surplus of cash from HMRC in the form of Gift Aided grants we had made contributions back to groups in the form of grants and loans to the value of £513.78 to help source capital investment for groups that applied. It also allowed us to keep subscriptions at their current low level. Funds are still available and the Treasurer encouraged groups to apply for a grant or loan. Accounts previously circulated to the committee, copy attached to file copy of AGM minutes, or available on the website or via hard copy upon request. The Treasurer asked for questions relating to the accounts but there were none forthcoming.

The examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Maria Jackson
Seconded: Don Swain

6) Approval of the Examiner of Accounts (Auditor)

The Treasurer thanked the Examiner, Robert Inglis, for his advice and diligence and stated that Mr. Inglis would receive a small token of gratitude from the Committee and that he had agreed to examine the accounts for 2016. The meeting was asked to approve the appointment of Mr. Inglis to examine the 2016 accounts.

Proposed: Delia Stebbing
Seconded: Yvonne Latham

7. Election of Officers

A Nomination form had been received for the re-election of committee member Susan Shaw.

The Chairman introduced the full committee going forward for 2016/17.

The Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder to accept the existing member willing to stand for a further term of office and to approve the election of committee members for the length of time left of their 3 year term of office.

Proposed: Mick McGregor
Seconded: Jean Hootton

The committee for 2016/2017

Chairman	Richard Cawse
Vice Chairman	Jeff Poynter
Treasurer	Alasdair Hidden
Secretary	Christine Robinson
Membership Secretary	Rose Anderson
Speaker Arranger	Jenny McGregor
Website Co-ordinator and Assistant Diary Compiler	Alan Draper
Outings and Events Co-ordinator	Susan Shaw
Committee Member	Keith Hicks

Outings/Events Co-ordinator no longer a committee post

Any Other Business

As there had been no written questions submitted for the AGM the meeting closed at 3pm.

The AGM was followed by an AV show from Heather Clarke and her husband, which was well received.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

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