

## BISHOP'S STORTFORD U3A

### Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, held at the Methodist Church, Bishop's Stortford 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Chairman, Keith Hicks, welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Susan Shaw, Roz Howlett.

2. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM.**

These had been circulated to all in the Winter Newsletter. They were accepted as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:** None

4. **Chairman's Report**

Keith thanked all members, Group Co-ordinators, Trustees and volunteers in whatever capacity for their involvement over the year.

Special thanks were given to Susan Shaw whose term as Vice Chair and Trips and Outings Co-ordinator is now over. She will be greatly missed. Volunteers for the Committee are still needed.

5. **Treasurer's Report (Jack Treves)**

a. **Presentation of the 2019 Annual Accounts.**

These have been passed by the Independent Examiner and the Committee. A copy is attached to the file copy of the AGM Minutes, available on the website or via hard copy on request. There was a deficit of £1500 during 2018 but we are still solvent owing to the cash reserve. Presentation of Outings finance is tricky because of the three different sets of guidelines regarding it. Income has fallen because of a decrease in membership, possibly due to the greater availability of U3As locally. Apart from on the Newsletter, expenditure on other items was much as previously. No "rainy day" money is now permissible. The Treasurer asked for questions. There were none. After a vote, the examined accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposer: A. Hidden

Seconder: G.Deal

Vote: Unanimously accepted.

b. **Approval and Appointment of Independent Examiner.**

Peter Bass had agreed to do this for another year. Unanimously approved.

c. **Proposal to Increase Subscriptions from 2020**

Jack explained that this was only after careful consideration and both brief and detailed explanations had been circulated / on the website. The increase was approved with one vote against.

## **6. The Change to the Object Clause of the Constitution**

The new Object Clause was explained by Keith Hicks, read out and displayed.

Proposed: K. Hird

Seconded: K.Shaw

Vote: unanimously accepted.

New Object Clause for information:-

- *The advancement of education, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.*

## **7. The Election of Officers**

Stuart Jacobs had agreed to join the Committee.

Proposed: Sue Jacobs

Seconded: Kim Shaw

Vote: unanimously elected.

## **8. AOB**

The members were invited to put any questions to the trustees over tea / coffee and cake.