

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2017 AT BRIXWORTH VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Annie Curtis (Chair), Tim Smith (Treasurer), Sue Dodds-Smith (Secretary),
Brian Collett (Webmaster and Diary Keeper), Chris Row, Christine Pratt, Hazel Wilson,
Lynn Aitken,
and 76 members.

1. APOLOGIES

Sally Thorne, Tim Parker, Graham Onley, Sue Roan, Val Everett, Jeffery Dunn, Stan and Val Evans, Peter and Anne Davies, Peter and Maggie Wall, Gabriel Leeming, Jilly Francis and Paula Jones.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

Copies of the Minutes were made available to the meeting. Tony Hockenhull proposed and Jay Diggle seconded the motion that the Minutes of the last AGM on 1st June 2016 be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously. A copy of the signed minutes will be posted on the website.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Eighteen months ago Annie Curtis said she would be stepping down as Chairman due to personal reasons. Happily, she is now able to put herself forward for re-election later in the meeting.

Annie said how proud she was of Brixworth & District U3A and said that perhaps one of its greatest achievements were the friendships that are forged, both within the groups and at the monthly meetings. This is a great benefit to the health and well being of all who participate and if the U3A does not more than achieve this then it has more than succeeded.

Annie Curtis thanked the committee members for all they do, above and beyond their committee responsibilities. She particularly thanked Lynn Aitken and Peter Davies who are retiring as Group Co-ordinator and Membership Secretary. Both had worked tirelessly on the committee and it was very much appreciated.

Annie also commented on the fact that it may appear that the U3A is ruled by "red tape" but it must be remembered that it is a charity and, therefore, has to follow certain obligations.

This year we have had good and interesting speakers with a wide variety of subjects.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions that they would like to bring to the attention of the Committee they should feel free to do so and these will be considered.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tim Smith presented his first set of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017, copies of which were made available to the members. There were no questions. Kathy Hockenhull proposed and Irene Neil seconded the motion that the accounts be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Tim thanked Stan Evans for all the work he had done for nearly ten years as Treasurer. It has been very much appreciated. He also thanked Lee Everett for carrying out the audit of the accounts. Again, much appreciated. Tim pointed out that members, other than committee members, also help in many ways with teas, raffles etc.

He also reminded the membership that commission on holidays booked with Riviera Travel was available to our U3A.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Having correctly completed and submitted the necessary nominations papers Annie Curtis was unanimously elected as Chair and Sue Dodds-Smith was elected as Business Secretary.

Tim Smith was elected as Treasurer at the AGM in 2016 for a three-year term.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Having correctly completed and submitted the necessary nominations papers the following members were elected to the Committee; -

Brian Collett
Margaret Griffiths
Jill Onley
Christine Pratt
Maggie Wall
Hazel Wilson.

Chris Rowe was elected as a Committee member at the 2016 AGM for a three-year period.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

Tim Smith proposed that Lee Everett be appointed Auditor for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

9. ANY MOTIONS PUT FORWARD

None

10. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

None

11. DATE OF NEXT AGM

Wednesday 6th June 2018