

THE EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Scottish Charity No SC020301

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

held on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at the Methodist Hall, 25 Nicholson Square, Edinburgh

1. APOLOGIES: Bruce Cowan, Dianne Savage, Hugh Young

2. MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Acceptance of Minutes was proposed Elisabeth Hutchings, seconded by Moira Peter and accepted by those present at the meeting.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report and Accounts had been posted on the website and circulated with the Notice of Meeting and Agenda to members without an email address, so Members had already had the opportunity to study the Report.

Ann Keating, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting as Bruce Cowan was on holiday. She reported that the Annual Report and Accounts had been prepared in the style acceptable to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). She said that the number of members in the Edinburgh U3A was approaching 2000 and there were 176 groups. She thanked the Group Leaders for their hard work and enthusiasm, and encouraged more members to come forward to lead even more groups.

She also mentioned the developing partnership between Edinburgh U3A and Napier University, which already demonstrated possibilities for mutual learning and benefits.

Acceptance of the Annual Report was proposed by Patrick Leach and seconded by Erin Bland and accepted by those present at the meeting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

As above, the Annual Accounts had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting and Agenda.

Ann Keating commented on the healthy financial position, of £9258. Gift Aid receipts accounted for £3,871 of this sum. This meant that there were reserves to support the organisation through the lean months of April to July, a period of high expenditure and very little income, until subscriptions were renewed. Because of this, there would be no requirement to increase subscriptions at present, and indeed there was a surplus, some of which the Committee would like to use to support new groups with start-up costs. She also encouraged established groups to apply to the Committee for funds they might require for a project or equipment.

Acceptance of Treasurer's report was proposed by Dianne Fraser, seconded by Erin Bland and accepted by those present at the meeting.

5.ELECTION

There being no other nominations, the following were elected to the executive committee:

Technical Officer – Andrew Robertson, already co-opted in early 2017, was confirmed in post.

Secretary – Kathy Wrench would undertake this role from the autumn 2017.

There remained three vacancies:

Internal Communications Officer

Group Co-ordinator

New Members Officer. Janet Grimwade, the demitting officer, had kindly agreed to stay in post in the short term.

Ann Keating encouraged members to come forward and join the Committee. She stressed how important an active committee was to the smooth running of the organisation – and said that although it was a commitment, it was also fun.

6. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR 2018

Barrie Wilkinson had indicated he would be willing to audit the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018, and the meeting agreed he should be appointed to perform this task.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was formally closed.