

**EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**  
**Scottish Charity No SC020301**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**  
**held on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at St Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh**

**1 APOLOGIES:** None received.

**2 MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Acceptance of Minutes was proposed Gordon Burnett seconded by Helen Steuart and accepted by those present at the meeting.

**3 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

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.

Bruce Cowan, Vice Chair, there being a vacancy for Chair, reported that the Annual Report and Accounts had been prepared in the style acceptable to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). He said the Edinburgh U3A currently has 1,800+ members, 163 groups and more groups were being developed. There was to be no Clarion in August, owing to the ill health of the Editor, but there would be another edition in the Spring. Tony Trewavas, External Relations committee member, had been liaising with the University of Edinburgh and other local Universities to establish research projects and to seek additional speakers. Edinburgh U3A would be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an event on 19 October 2016 at Stockbridge Church.

Bruce Cowan introduced the current committee to the membership present, outlining the individual tasks they undertook, as well as shared responsibility for running Open Meetings etc. He gave particular thanks to the members stepping down: Anne Hay, Group Coordinator, who had helped develop new groups as well as supporting her assigned groups; Marthe Matthew, Membership Secretary, whose efforts and efficiency had been greatly appreciated; and Elisabeth Hutchings who has been a group co ordinator for 6 years, an active member of the Clarion group, a mainstay of Open Meetings, New Members Days, assisted and advised in so many ways, and continued to lead several groups. He wished them well and looked forward to their continued involvement at meetings, groups and part of the Edinburgh U3A community.

He also mentioned a few of the many 'background' people who keep the U3A going – Dianne Fraser and the Really Useful Group, who ensured provision of tea and coffee at gatherings; Sonia Duffy who supported the Membership Secretaries with database maintenance and development; Jean Knox assisting the Webmaster; the Clarion team, Jean Napier and the Speakers' Committee; Michael Hutchings who edited the Bulletin; the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team; the Christmas Event team; Pat Thomas and the Visits team. Above all, he thanked the Group Leaders, who give their time. and often use of their homes, to ensure that we have interesting and enjoyable groups, which are our core business.

Acceptance of the Annual Report was proposed by Philip Anderson, seconded by Pat Thomas and accepted by those present at the meeting

**4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Annual Accounts had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting and Agenda. The Treasurer, Dianne Savage outlined the satisfactory financial situation with no need to increase the subscription at this time, largely thanks to members who had been able to Gift Aid their subscription. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Hugh Young, seconded by Michael Hutchings and accepted by those present at the meeting.

**5. ELECTION**

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

Chair – Bruce Cowan

Group Co-ordinator (and Vice Chair) - Dianne Savage

Treasurer – Hugh Young

Webmaster – Chris Newman

Group Co-ordinator – Siobhán Coward

Assistant External Communications Officer – Patrick Leach.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Barrie Wilkinson has indicated he would be willing to examine the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 and the meeting agreed that he be appointed as Independent Examiner.

There being no other business the meeting was formally closed.