Minutes

Forfar & District U3A

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the above meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 2pm
Venue: East & Old Church, Forfar.

Executive Committee Members Present:

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<td>Marie Pudlewska</td>
<td>Membership Secretary</td>
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<td>Margo Wilson</td>
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Anna Rizza in the Chair

Members signed in to the meeting – listed on separate sheets and it was noted that several apologies had been received, also listed on a separate sheet.

Membership subscriptions were collected before the meeting.

1. Welcome
   Anna welcomed approximately 100 members to the meeting.

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM
   The minutes had been emailed to members and copies were available at the meeting but, after confirming their preference with members, were not read out.

3. Chairman’s Report
   Anna delivered her report, summarized below:
   - Thanks to all committee members for all the hard work they have put in over the year, especially Kay who had arranged so many interesting outings and trips abroad, our Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and Margo our website administrator. Without their help and input we could not achieve what we have.
   - Anna also thanked Sandra Rhind for all her hard work putting together the programme of speakers for the General Meetings in 2018. We have had a wide variety of speakers covering a huge range of topics.
   - Anna thanked those leaving the Committee for all their input and hard work over the last few years.
   - Membership has increased quite considerably – now over 200 members.
   - Interest groups now stand at about 31 from art to walking your dog and I thank all Interest Group Leaders. If, as a member, you don’t see anything that interests you, then why not start up a group yourself! Help is available to do this.
   - On behalf of the Committee and Members Marie thanked Anna for all her hard work over her years of service on the Committee.

4. Annual Report
   Brenda delivered the Annual Report – copy attached.

5. Financial Report, including membership details
   Marie delivered the Financial Report on behalf of Cathy Miller (Treasurer) – copy accompanying the minutes.
6. Committee Election
Members had previously been emailed and advised, in accordance with the constitution, of the retirement from the committee of 3 committee members: Kay Forsyth, Ron Kerr and Anna Rizza. The email had also indicated that 3 members had been nominated to join the committee, as a result of which the existing Executive Committee proposed that the revised committee would, subject to approval by the members, be as follows:

- Chair: Marie Pudlewska
- Vice Chair: Vacant
- Secretary: Brenda Ivey
- Treasurer: Cathy Miller
- Membership Secretary: David Robertson
- Interest Group Liaison: Vacant
- Website Administrator: Margo Wilson
- Committee Member: Anne Thorpe
- Committee Member: Eve Young
- Committee Member: Margaret Fisher
- Committee Member: Marysia Rusk
- Committee Member: Sheila Cumming

The new members were proposed and seconded. There were no indications of dissent.

7. Constitution
A draft amendment to the Constitution, approved previously by the Executive Committee, had been emailed to members and copies of the amended section were available at the meeting. Anna summarized the content of the changes and asked if members were supportive. There were no indications of dissent and many of support. The Constitution will be amended and published on the website.

8. Entertainment
Pam Rae had prepared a Christmas quiz which led members to discover and display their competitive sides. There was much whispering and laughter – and as ever some much appreciated chocolate and prizes.

The Singing for Fun Group sang a selection from their repertoire, with members joining the singing.

10. Date of next meeting:
Christmas Meal at Strathmore Rugby Club, Lochside on Friday 7th December 2018 at 12md for 12.30pm and Wednesday 12th December at 12md for 12.30pm.

January meeting: Guide Hall, Wednesday 9th January, 2019 at 2pm.
Speaker: Gordon Grewar – In My Backyard (Community Justice)
Annual Report 2018

2018 has been another year of impressive growth for Forfar & District U3A.

Our membership at the year end was 227 and we have 32 activity groups. The Executive Committee is hugely grateful to members who both lead and support these groups. Due to the increased number of members and groups, we now have an Interest Groups Co-ordinator.

Monthly meetings are regularly attracting more than 80 members and the programme of talks has been very well received. This year we have enjoyed talks on:-
Is Dundee an “Electric City”
The history of the Visocchi family from 1930
Britannia – the floating palace
Bowel Cancer UK - Facts & figures, symptoms and risk
Dundee Women’s Trail
Scottish singers I’ve seen and admired
The Queensferry Crossing and
World War 1 “Expectations and Reality”.
We truly did meet our remit to keep learning. We look forward to our programme of talks for 2019.

This year we have enjoyed two social events. The first was a Social Evening at the Forfar Bowling Club with entertainment from the Forfar Dramatic Society and the second an Afternoon Tea at the Guide Hall. Early in the year we saw the first performance from the Drama Group – a very entertaining afternoon and we look forward to their next production. In July the annual outing this year was to the Highland Wildlife Park where we saw Hamish, the baby Polar Bear. 23 members enjoyed the trip to Prague in September and look forward to the proposed cruise in July 2019.

As the membership is growing steadily month on month, it was not thought necessary to hold an Open Day this year. However, we have produced a leaflet showing the activities on offer at the U3A and this will be available at local outlets in our catchment area and on our website.

The Executive Committee acknowledges that all of these things are only possible with the support of U3A members, which has been provided whole-heartedly during the last year.

Thank you all.

Brenda Ivey
Secretary

On behalf of Forfar & District U3A Committee

November 2018
Report to U3A AGM on 14th November 2018

At the end of our financial year the Forfar U3A has a healthy balance of £2011.57 in surplus an increase of £410.09. The surplus is due to the increase in members again this year. This will allow us going forward to continue to invest in our organisation in expanding our activities and providing equipment where needed.

Our main source of income remains the membership subscriptions, a total income of £3405.00 (£2253.50 in 2017). Our members have increased from 165 to 227 this year.

Our expenditure is mainly our fees to the U3A Scotland, the rent of the Guide Centre for meetings and functions, branch administration costs such as printing and postage, the cost of social functions such as the annual outing and the expenses for the various activities.

We have invested in two pieces of equipment this year which will enhance our larger meeting these being a new projector (£364.78) and a Hearing Loop system (£504.60).

The number of activity groups has increased this year to 33 different groups, where needed each group can claim up to £100 towards the cost of their group. This can be for equipment, printing etc. In the coming year thanks to the surplus we carry forward we will be able to continue to support these and hopefully new groups. We are very fortunate in having people willing to lead such a variety of activities.

I am indebted to Susan Godsall from Voluntary Action Angus for verifying the accounts