

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CROSS BARN ON 3rd JULY 2019

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the 112 members present to the ninth AGM of the Odiham District U3A.

Apologies were received from Chris Gotla, Margaret Green, Philip Nash and Derek Spruce.

2 MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Pauline Twineham proposed, seconded by Andrew Buchanan that the minutes be approved and this was agreed unanimously. There were no matters arising.

3 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the membership had grown to 640 from just over one hundred members when the branch began 10 years ago. Special thanks were due to David Woodward for all his hard work as Treasurer over the last five years; he steps down at the end of August with Chris Gotla then taking on the role.

The introduction of the new data handling system Beacon was due to the hard work of Chris Clark and thanks are also due to him. There has also been a need to implement a new website to be compatible with Beacon. The original website has been in place for 10 years; a very big vote of thanks needs to go to Bob Jury for setting up this website and maintaining it for the last decade.

This year sees a number of Group Leaders standing down having served for many years. The Chair outlined the need for other members to step forward and take their place or offer to create new groups based on their skills, knowledge and interests for the benefit of others.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

The inspected accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 were circulated at the meeting. There were a number of increased amounts showing in 2019 compared to that of 2018;

- Subscriptions; there are now more members
- Collected by Groups; this is due to the Trips account being brought into the main account
- Cost of Group Leaders; the number of GLs has increased and so, therefore, did the cost of the conference
- Communication; the increase in membership has increased the need for more Annual Booklets to be printed and more copies of the U3A magazine 'Third Age Matters' to be purchased.

Part of the financial surplus would this year be spent on the new data handling system Beacon and an Accounts package.

Mr Terry Berridge had agreed to serve as accounts inspector for the coming year.

It was proposed by Pat Wallis and seconded by Graham Plumbe that the accounts be approved and that Terry Berridge be appointed as examiner of the accounts for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

5 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Susan Morris proposed, seconded by Andrew Buchanan that the following officers and committee members be accepted. These were agreed unanimously.

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| John Charlewood | Vice-Chair and Speaker Secretary |
| Chris Gotla | Treasurer |
| Lynda Hampton | Business Secretary |
| Margaret Green | Membership Secretary |
| Myra Dalton | Cross Barn Coordinator |
| Nicki Baker | Groups Co-ordinator |
| Philip Nash | New Groups |
| Chris Clark | Website and Technology |
| Gill Harden | Shadow Membership Secretary |
| Jane Osgood | Minutes Secretary |
| Hugh Thomas | Shadow Groups Coordinator |
| Derek Spruce | Functions Coordinator |
| Marion Sharp | Co-Website and Technology |

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None