



SELBY U3A

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7TH FEBRUARY 2018

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Edwin Bonner, Mollie Hanks, Colin Van Blerk, Hilary Putnam, Patricia Mallors, Thelma Foxhall

Enough members attended for the meeting to be quorate.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting had been posted on the website for all to read. Members were asked if anyone wanted to have them read again with a negative reply.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: There were no matters arising from the minutes of last year's AGM. The minutes were proposed by Colin Thomas and seconded by Sue Davison and passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORT: The Trustees report for the year 2017/18 was given by Steve Hill the retiring chairman. This reflected on some of the courses attended by various committee members, the success of groups and the very successful anniversary event. We are beginning to have influence within the wider U3A family. Whilst it was felt that on the whole the year had been successful in achieving stability for Selby U3A, it was also realised that we still had a lot to learn.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The persons nominated (nomination papers can be viewed by contacting the secretary) for both officers and ordinary members of the committee were elected unopposed and unanimously. The new committee is as follows:

Edwin Bonner

Chairman

Colin Thomas

Vice Chairman/Technical

Michael Hewan	Treasurer
Gwen Thomas	Secretary
Sue Davison	Publicity
Mollie Hanks	Refreshment Co-ordinator
Kay McSherry	Group Co-ordinator
Pauline Witton	Membership Secretary
Margaret Baker	
Eva Lambert (Co-opted)	Monthly Speakers

At this point in the meeting Colin Thomas readout a message from the Chairman thanking the two retiring committee members for all their hard work in helping to set up Selby U3A and in the past two years. Colin also presented them with a small token of thanks from the Executive Committee.

TREASURERS REPORT: A very comprehensive report was given by the treasurer Michael Hewan which explained all income and expenditure throughout the year. After questions from the members, Michael explained the way that group monies were handled and the advice that we had been given from the national office about this. We may need to change the way that we do this in the future due to the way that the Beacon system processes accounting for group monies. All documentation regarding the treasurer's report is available to view from the secretary.

The auditor, David Simpson, indicated his approval of the Selby U3A accounts for the year 2017/18.

Michael explained the budget projections for 2018/19 and how they had been calculated. The main points were income from membership fees and the expenditure for three laptop computers. Michael explained that we need to purchase the laptops to ensure continuity in running Selby U3A. At present committee members use their personal equipment which is not insured either by U3A or by personal insurance policies. If any of the officers were to be indisposed it would cause difficulty in someone else taking over their role. We may need to purchase a fourth laptop in the future due to the vice chairman and secretary sharing at the present time. The membership secretary and the treasurer each need to have a laptop. There were no objections to this proposal from the membership.

The membership fee for 2018/19 was proposed at £12 per year with no charge for tea and coffee at meetings. He also explained that the membership fee would reduce on a four monthly rolling basis. One member reminded us that the tea and coffee charge had been introduced to cover the cost of monthly speakers. Michael explained with the level of surplus funds that we have this is covered without further charge to the members. He also explained that it is recommended by the national office that we only carry a surplus of 6 months running costs and we exceed that. The proposed membership fee was put to the meeting and was voted unanimously with one abstention.

TECHNICAL: The sound equipment is working well and everyone seems to be satisfied with the system. The Beacon system has recently been updated nationally. Two committee members recently attended a workshop to gain better knowledge of the system.

DATA PROTECTION: Patrick Broadhurst (Membership Secretary) explained that changes in Data Protection laws had necessitated a redesign of the membership application form. In the future when applying for membership of Selby U3A it will be necessary to indicate on the form that the person agrees for information or photographs regarding themselves can be share within Selby U3A only. There were no objections to this from the members present in the meeting.

PUBLICITY: Sue reported that Facebook was gaining increased numbers of viewings. She asked for help in putting up posters in the surrounding villages to advertise the monthly talks. A member asked why we did not get any publicity from the Selby Times. Sue explained that she had tried many times to do this without success until the edition last week when the AGM was reported to be happening. Unfortunately, whilst there is dedicated space for notices from surrounding villages, there is none for Selby. Sue will continue to try to get information published.

SOCIAL MEDIA: A member had asked why no one could post on the Facebook page. Colin explained that this is not the case. Anyone can post on the page and upload photographs. If the administrators (Sue & Colin) deem that the material is unsuitable in any way, they will remove it.

WEBSITE: A few members have questioned the quality of the website. Colin explained the technical difficulties with the website. This site has been

compared to the Sherburn website which is very professional and versatile. Our website is free and is used by many U3As, whilst Sherburn pay for theirs. Sherburn U3A also have over 500 members so has more income to fund this. They also have 2 professional webmasters who administer the site. Colin put it to the members that if anyone had any capability in web design etc their skills would be more than welcome. There were no volunteers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Secretary (Gwen Thomas) explained that information from the national office had been received informing us that a change to the Articles of Association of U3A was necessary. This change is due to a breach of Charity Commission rules. All U3As are inadvertently in breach of these rules. The Charity Commission is accepting this as a genuine mistake which can be put right with a change of wording to the articles. To this effect an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) has been called for March 21st in Birmingham to approve the change. All U3A members are entitled to attend this meeting and to vote. The Executive committee propose to vote by proxy to accept the change. When the change is approved nationally, we shall have to call a local EGM to approve writing the change into our own constitution.

A member gave a vote of thanks to the executive committee for their work during the year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.15am.