

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shaftesbury & Gillingham U3A
Held on 5th October 2017 in Shaftesbury

1. Present: 106 persons were present, all members of SGU3A

Apologies: Received from: Sally & Roger Dearden, Neville Orchard, Helen Seaford, Ron Lentz and Davina Belcher.

2. Minutes of the last AGM (2016) (printed in the October issue of In Touch) were received.

3. The Financial Report for the year to July 31 2017: Elaine Humby (Retiring Treasurer) reported that the current situation was poor and income was down due to a reduction in membership. She explained, to a question, that £1614 had been taken from No2 Account (reserves) in order to balance the “books”. There was a further question on Group meeting room costs and why where they so high. In answer Elaine explained that since SGU3A inception in 1999, groups who met in paid for rooms had always been subsidised from main funds. Unfortunately over the last few years these room hire costs have risen dramatically. The Chairman stated that because of this large increase, the committee are proposing changes to the group funding from August 2018 and were due to meet with group leaders next week to explain. Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Tryphena Orchard and seconded by Ken Baxter and agreed by all present.

4. Chairman's Report: Elizabeth Young gave thanks to the Committee. She thanked, in particular, Elaine Humby our retiring treasurer who will be moving away from the area and presented Elaine with a bunch of flowers in appreciation. Nic Griffin has taken over as treasurer for which we are all very grateful. We have a brand new website which is easy to read. Group leaders have been contacted with an explanation of the current financial situation and invited to a meeting next week to outline proposals to reduce our outgoings. The current committee who are nominated for election are Davina Belcher (on holiday at present), Helen Mead, Roger Laidler (who we are grateful to for updating the new website), John Upshall, Paul Robinson, Greer Tilbrook, Nic Griffin, Elaine Humby, and finally our Meeter and Greeter, Sue Walker. We still need a speaker's secretary to replace Roger Lister and also need to appoint an Examiner of Accounts for next year.

5. Election of Committee. The following members had agreed to remain as members: Elizabeth Young, Davina Belcher, Nic Griffin, Elaine Humby, Paul Robinson, Roger Laidler, John Upshall and Greer Tilbrook These nominations were proposed by David Lacey and seconded by Alan Lipman. All agreed.

6. Any further nominations for the Committee: None

7. Election of Auditor: Ken Baxter offered his services for this position and was keenly accepted.

9. Any Other Business: One member wished to convey his thanks for the excellent day trips which had been organised this year and hoped that they would be continued in the future.

10. The Meeting closed at 10.50. Elections for Committee posts will be carried through at the next Committee Meeting on Tuesday 17th October 2016 at the British Legion at 2pm.