



Tynedale U3A



University of the Third Age

Charity Registration Number: 515733

Minutes of 2020 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Great Hall, Priory Rooms, Hexham Abbey on 3rd March 2020 at 2.15pm

- 1. Welcome:** The Chair Alistair Sinclair, welcomed members and visitors to the 2020 AGM. 83 members and 3 visitors attended. (86 in total)
Apologies were received from Margaret Earl, Anna and Geoff Ostler, Trisha Wall, Sarah and John Barker, Christine Ward, Patricie Davie, Hilda Dixon, Vivien Hubbock and Gwen Walls.
- 2. Minutes of 2019 AGM:** which were printed in the March Newsletter was accepted as an accurate record and signed accordingly. Approval proposed by Kevin Stephens and seconded by Sue Charlton. Agreed by all present.
- 3. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Approve the amendments to Section 8 of the Tynedale U3A constitution - (Annual and Special General Meetings) Paragraph 8d** "A quorum shall be 10% of the paid up members. Details were published in the February's Newsletter.

Unfortunately the attendance at the meeting was not sufficient to make a quorum. As the current constitution stands 20% of the membership as at December 2019, the end of our financial year, must be present at the AGM. The membership in December 2019 stood at 459 full members, 20% of which is 92. We were therefore short of 9 members to make up the quorum.

In light of this the committee wish to hold an EGM at the monthly meeting on April 7th to agree all the matters raised at the AGM. To enable this to happen a copy of the AGM minutes will emailed to all members and will be printed in April's Newsletter.

- 5. The Chair's report:** Alistair Sinclair delivered his address a copy of which will appear in the April 2020 Newsletter.
- 6. Treasurer's report followed by adoption of the accounts for year ending 31 Dec, 2019.** The Treasurer, David Pattinson circulated a copy of the accounts to members present. He gave his annual report which will be put on the Tynedale U3A website. It was agreed to keep the annual subscription at £14. The meeting was unable to adopt the accounts as there wasn't a quorum present.
- 7. a) Elections to committee:**
Business Secretary – Susan Turnball, proposed by Sue Loader and seconded by Ed Carrington.

Newsletter Editor – Alicia Cresswell proposed by Sue Charlton and seconded by Sally Pearson.

Second Group Liaison Secretary – Jane Perona Wright, proposed by Margaret Earl and seconded by Sally Pearson.

Membership Secretary – Barbara Herring wishes to stand down as Membership Secretary however is happy to stay in the role until a replacement can be found.

The committee would also like a volunteer to act as back up for Kevin Stevens in the **Website Manager and Publicity Role**.

b) The following members were invited to join the committee, or take a new position within the committee after the AGM in March 2019; as a result their positions need to be ratified.

Barrie Mellars as Programme Secretary – proposed by David Pattinson and seconded by Sally Pearson

David Pattinson as Treasurer – proposed by John Sandiford and seconded by Wendy Dale

John Sandiford as Beacon Administrator – proposed by Barrie Mellars and seconded by Alistair Sinclair.

The remainder of the committee are.

(Chairman) – Alistair Sinclair, **(Group Liaison Secretary)** – Margaret Earl and **(Joint Website Manager and Publicity Officer)** - Kevin Stephens– all who have one more year remaining on the committee.

(Vice Chair). Wendy Dale who has 2 more years remaining on the committee.

All committee members were approved by those present.

- 8. Non Committee Posts.** The Chair thanked all those who helped/volunteered but not in a committee role. Elizabeth Leonard with Registration at monthly meetings. Paper Newsletter distributors, Sue Charlton, Robert Ford, David Pattinson, Sue Loader, Jennifer Roper, Wendy Dale, Mary Gray, Anne Steele and Alistair Sinclair.
- 9. Appointment of Auditor for 2020/21** It was agreed that Trevor Field would be the auditor for the coming year proposed by David Pattinson and seconded by Sally Pearson. Agreed by all present.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm

Signed:

Dated:

The AGM was followed by presentations from the following group Convenors - Gill Mellars from the Geography group, Steve Rosarrio from the Geology group, Bill Cresswell from the Photograph group and John Sandiford from the Hadrian's Wall Group.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and reminded members that the next monthly meeting to be held on April 7th will be at The Queens Hall in Hexham.