

NORTHUMBRIA REGIONAL U3A
Minutes of the Regional AGM held on 22nd April 2015
At The Angel Inn Gateshead

1 Welcome and apologies - John Leiper (chair) welcomed everyone, especially those for whom this was their first meeting. Apologies had been received from Peter Mentell (Whitley Bay), Joyce MacKay (Bedale), Lynne Potter (Tynedale), Pat Penny (Derwent Valley), Margaret Pescod (Cestria), Sue White (Prudhoe & District), Katie Wilkins (Newcastle), Beryl Pemberton (Bedale), Dennis McClelland (Hartlepool).

2.Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd April 2014 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising - none

4. Chairman's Report – circulated in advance

- John drew the meeting's attention to the fact that Maureen Stephenson, Maggie and Derek Grocott, Mo Brown and Anne Finn would all be stepping down from the committee this year. He thanked them and the remaining members of the committee and sub-committees for their contribution.
- He urged members to consider taking on a committee role to bring new ideas to our work and replace the members who were leaving. He would himself have to step down as chairman next year under the constitution so we needed someone who might replace him in that role. We also needed a vice chairman as Bill Brookes had only volunteered to take on the role to satisfy the requirements of the constitution until a new vice-chairman could be found.

5. Treasurers Report - tabled and attached

Maureen tabled copies of the Financial Report for 2014 (see attached). The accounts were accepted by the meeting and passed nem. con.

Proposer: Vic Codling (Baldon) Seconder: Gwen Dawe

John Leiper thanked Maureen for the work she had done as treasurer and welcomed Robert Berry who had agreed to take over the role.

6. Appointment of examiner of accounts for 2016 - Maureen noted that the examiner this year, Linda Glascott, had agreed to take on the role in 2016. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Proposer : Judy Smith, Mid-Northumberland Seconder : Rod Gillis, Bede of Jarrow

7.Election of Officers and Committee for 2015/16

The following people were duly elected

Chairman	John Leiper, Alnwick
Vice Chairman (temporary)	Bill Brookes, Wessington
Hon Secretary and Minutes Secretary	Alexa Rainsford, Newcastle
Hon Treasurer	Robert Berry (Cestria)
Members without Portfolio	Jim Edwardson (Newcastle), Judy Smith, Mid-Northumberland, Christine Walker, Ashington
Regional Trustee	Gwen Dawe
Reg. Development Contacts	Carol Burn, Baldon, Bill Brookes, Wessington
Newsletter Editor	Jan Jenner, Sedgfield
Contact List Editor	Phil Thompson, Newcastle

Proposer: Brian Stephenson Seconder: John Lloyd

8. IT Sub-committee Report for 2014/15 – circulated in advance

Approved unanimously.

Proposer: Bill Brookes, Wessinton Seconder: Mike Martin, Whitley Bay

9.Events Sub- Committee Report for 2014/15 – circulated in advance

Approved.

Proposer: Pat Johnson, Durham Seconder: Anne Finn, Gateshead

10. Development Sub-Committee Report for 2014/15 – circulated in advance

Approved

Proposer: Mo brown, Newcastle Seconder: Rod Gillis, Bede of Jarrow

11. A O B

a) Regional Trustee's report 2014/15 – circulated in advance

Approved.

Proposer: Jim Edwardson, Newcastle Seconder: Derek Grocott, Northallerton

b) Research report 2014/15 – tabled and attached

Approved.

Proposer: Rod Gillis, Bede of Jarrow Seconder: Carol Burn, Boldon

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

27th April 2016 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am start; venue tbc