

**Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting of York U3A
held on Saturday 20th October 2018 at 11.40 a.m.
at Central Methodist Church Hall, St Saviourgate, York**

62 members were present and six apologies had been received.

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the 29th AGM by Chairman John Goodsir.

2. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 28th AGM held on 14th October 2017, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. Elizabeth Dobie proposed and Anna Baldwin seconded that they be received as a correct record.

3. Annual Report

John Goodsir reported that York U3A continues to thrive and grow both in overall membership and in the number Courses and Activities on offer. He expressed his thanks to the Committee, Group Leaders and the many Volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure that we can provide the support and administrative functions needed to keep the organisation running smoothly. Our financial position is sound, with sufficient reserves to deal with unforeseen events and to make improvements when necessary. The subscription of £17 is value for money and there is no reason that it cannot be kept at this level for the next few years. We have made careful use of the Henry Mills Fund and continue to benefit from our close relationship with the Friends at Friargate and the Management Committee of the Central Methodist Church. John is sure that the new Chairman, David Maughan Brown will continue the steady improvement and he wished David and all members, old and new, good fortune and success. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Sheila Wilson and seconded by Tom Baldwin.

4. Annual Accounts

Copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2018 had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Treasurer Sheila Wilson explained that we now have to include the accounts of Groups to ensure that their activities are covered by the insurance offered by the Third Age Trust. For the year our income had been around £44,000 and our expenses about £39,000, giving a surplus of around £5,000. During the year we have bought a new photocopier, office computer and some AV equipment. We plan to use some of our resources to extend the Henry Mills Fund for another 2 or 3 years. There was a query from a member about an apparent discrepancy in the surplus figure, which Sheila explained was the result of moving from using an Accruals basis for the accounts to a Cash accounting system. Acceptance was proposed by Peter Jarman and seconded by Neville Dobie.

5. Resolution to amend the objects clause of our Constitution

The membership had been informed of the proposed resolution change, necessary to conform to a request from the Third Age Trust. Acceptance proposed by Neville Dobie and seconded by David Maughan Brown and agreed.

6. Election of Officers & Committee members

The election of the new Chairman, David Maughan Brown, was proposed as Chairman by John Goodsir, seconded by Jean Haywood; Sandra Mason as membership Secretary was proposed by Joanne Day, seconded by Alison Holmes; Lorrae Atkins as Website Manager was proposed by Alison Holmes, seconded by Sandra Mason; Talks Secretaries Peter Jarman and Anna Baldwin proposed by Lorrae Atkins and seconded by John Goodsir – all appointments were agreed by the meeting. Carolyn Jaques, who has served 6 years as the Office Co-ordinator, has recently found a replacement so will be continuing in the role for 2 or 3 months, until the handover to Julie Hughes is complete.

7. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

The appointment of Hunter Gee Holroyd was proposed by Joanne Day and seconded by Neville Dobie.

8. Any Other Business

Various members expressed thanks to the outgoing Committee members, Joanne Day, Rosemary Kitchman and especially the retiring Chairman, John Goodsir. Chris, the hall caretaker, was also thanked for his work and cooperation in preparing the hall or Chapel for our meetings.

The meeting closed at 12.16 p.m.