

**Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of York U3A  
held on 12th October 2019 at 11.40 a.m.  
at Central Methodist Church Hall, St. Saviourgate, York**

65 members were present and three apologies for absence had been received.

**1. Welcome**

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, David Maughan Brown.

**2. Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 20th October 2018, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. Anna Baldwin proposed and Peter Jarman seconded that they be received and signed as a correct record.

**3. Annual Report**

David Maughan Brown said that the York branch continues to grow with an increase in both membership and in the subjects covered by the various courses and activities. He thanked the numerous volunteers who help to run the branch – the committee, office volunteers, group leaders, audio-visual experts, gardeners, those who man the doors and make tea and coffee at Saturday morning talks. He also recorded thanks to Chris and the management committee at the Central Methodist Church and the committee at the Friends Meeting House. David said that the branch is in a sound financial position and over the past year we have established a closer relationship with Haxby and Wiggington U3A. David mentioned the improvement of the screen and sound system for Saturday morning talks and the trial of new equipment to help those members who experience hearing problems, and he thanked Anna Baldwin who is acting as our disability officer and has been instrumental in trying to make improvements for our members who have a hearing or visual impairment.

**4. Annual Accounts**

Copies of the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2019 had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Sheila Wilson began her report by saying that she will be standing down as Treasurer at next year's AGM, when she will have completed six years' service, and anyone interested in taking over from her should have a word with her. She then reported that income in our general fund was around £46,200 in the last financial year and expenditure was £36,800, leading to a surplus of £9,400. Over the last year we have purchased a larger screen for Saturday morning talks and a new office computer but, apart from these items, the figures are similar to those of the previous financial year. During the forthcoming financial year the money received from the Henry Mills legacy will run out, but we will continue to support from the general fund the costs of hiring outside premises for groups which meet elsewhere. Sheila said that our cash balances are healthy and there is no need to increase subscriptions at present. She reported that in a few years' time we expect higher rental charges from the Friends but we have sufficient reserves to cope with this. She thanked Brian Frodsham (assistant treasurer) and Anne Allison (cashier), and thanks were recorded to Sheila for her work as Treasurer. Finally, she mentioned the Riviera Travel affinity scheme and urged members to use this when booking holidays through Riviera.

Sheila then answered questions from the floor on the accounts. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Carolyn Jaques, seconded by Brian Frodsham and agreed by the meeting.

**5. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Jean Haywood has completed the six years' service as Secretary as allowed by the constitution and is therefore standing down. There have, however, been no nominations for anyone to take over from her and Jean is happy to be co-opted on to the committee on a temporary basis until a replacement can be found.

The meeting agreed to the re-election of Alison Holmes as Groups Coordinator (proposed by Lorrae Atkins and seconded by Sandra Mason) and John Powderley as Newsletter Editor (proposed by Brian Frodsham and seconded by Sandra Mason).

The meeting also agreed to the election of Eve Birch as Office Coordinator (proposed by Jennie Pugsley and seconded by John Powderley) and Chris Sykes as Volunteers Coordinator (proposed by Sandra Mason and seconded by David Maughan Brown).

Flowers were then presented to Jean Haywood and also to Sandra Mason in recognition of the excessive number of hours she worked during the renewals process this summer.

#### **6. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts**

The appointment of Hunter Gee Holroyd was proposed by Brian Naylor, seconded by Brian Frodsham, and agreed by the meeting.

#### **7. Any other business**

No requests for any other business had been received prior to the meeting, and a query was made from the floor as to whether the Cober Hill weekend would be resurrected.

There are a number of group leaders and office volunteers who are eligible for ten year service awards and presentations to them will be made on a future occasion.

The meeting ended at 12.00.