

Minutes of Wycliffe U3A Lutterworth Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 14 March 2019

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Minutes of 2018 AGM & Matters Arising
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Executive Committee
- Any other business

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the 12th Annual General meeting. It was good to see so many members prepared to brave the weather to attend. The Chairman said that as Jan Newman our treasurer was unable to make today's meeting, he would be giving her report as well as the Chairman's report.

2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM & Matters Arising

The minutes of the 2018 AGM had previously been made available via the website and publication in the monthly bulletin. There were no matters arising and so the minutes were accepted as a true account of the proceedings. The proposer was Ann Hetherington and the seconder was Peter Turner.

3. Chairman's Report (copy Attached)

Nigel began his report by giving special thanks to the 3 committee members who were stepping down this year. Sue Creedon (Membership Secretary), Mike Perry (Speaker Finder) and Jan Newman (Treasurer). They had all played important roles in the continuing evolution of our U3A. Sue in the past 12 months had made sure that our U3A was completely compliant with the new GDPR regulations which EU had introduced and the UK Government had passed into law. Mike had ensured that we had a structured variety of speakers at our monthly meetings so that during the course of a year there would always be something of interest for every member. Jan had made sure that our funds were in good order and, working closely with Sue Creedon, our collection of subscriptions was as up to date as possible.

The Chairman then went on to presenting some slides showing the progress that we continue to make as a vibrant U3A. Firstly our membership continues to grow in 2018 it was by 7. We have tried to be proactive in the community with local advertising and leafletting organised by Tony Allen. Secondly the number of active groups (some shared with Lutterworth U3A) increased to 40. It was this fact that was the most pleasing to pass on. The U3A movement was all about activities that we as members wanted to do and the groups that help us to take part in these activities. If membership and activities are both expanding it meant that our U3A was thriving.

Thirdly, as well as thanking all the regular group leaders for their invaluable work Nigel went on to express special thanks to 3 other long serving members (Eddie Hemsley, George Robertson & Richard Hill) for their continuing work in running and organising events. Some of these events attract up to 80 members and take a lot of planning and organising.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Maggie Rigby and all her helpers who gave up their valuable time to serve teas, coffees, biscuits and sometimes cakes before each monthly meeting. That time before every meeting gives us the chance to sign up to events and chat with friends, so setting the tone for every meeting.

4. Treasurers Report

Jan Newman had prepared a short report for the meeting. Unfortunately, Jan was unable to be present at the meeting and so the Chairman presented the main details:

- a) In our U3A year 2017/2018 we reduced our subscriptions from £15 per annum to £12 per annum for membership (where our U3A collects the £3:50 Capitation Fee which is paid to the U3A trust) and £8:50p for membership where the £3:50 Capitation Fee is paid to the U3A Trust via another U3A. Even with this reduction in subscriptions, in 2017 our U3A collected more in subscriptions than we paid out for monthly meetings, administration functions and the purchase of any essential items (direct expenses). For this recent U3A year (2018) – subscriptions and visitor fees amounted to £3162 whilst direct expenses were £2346.83 meaning a cash surplus of £815.17
- b) Our cash at the bank at the end of the financial year stood at £6030:11p
- c) The Chairman went on to say that because of our continuing accumulation of funds at the bank, ideas to spend some of this excess had been asked for and discussed at our monthly meetings. To comply with the rules of the U3A Trust, any additional expenditure has to be open to all members.
 - i) We will soon need to upgrade and enhance our projection equipment used at monthly meetings and groups such as Science and Engineering Group
 - ii) We will try to hold additional monthly meetings – for example on the 5th Thursday of a month (there are usually 4 of these in a year) when there are no scheduled group meetings. One additional meeting is already planned in for the end of May as 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landings
- d) Because of this likely extra expenditure, the proposal previously passed by the present committee is that subscriptions are kept at their current levels

5. Election of Chairperson, Treasurer and Committee Members for 2019/2020

Prior to the meeting the Chairman had received the following applications to join the committee.

Chairperson	Chris Brady
Treasurer	Ruth Bones
Vice Chairperson	Colin Beadle
Committee Members	Tony Allen, Nigel Burt, Anne Dean, Trudy Haddon, Ann Hetherington, Andy Hetherington, Andrea Nichol, Peter Ross and Viv Weller

Our constitution allows us to have up to 12 committee members. No formal vote has to be taken for most committee posts. However, the Chairperson and Treasurer each year have to be elected at the AGM. In this instance both the Chairperson and Treasurer were standing unopposed. The

outgoing Chairman asked if there was any opposition to declaring that both candidates be elected unanimously.

6. Any Other Business

Nigel Burt as outgoing Chair handed over the meeting to Chris Brady the incoming Chairperson to ask if there was any other business. There being none, the meeting was closed at 11:20