

**AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

**FORMALITIES AGENDA**

Dorothy opened the meeting by saying that she was looking forward to working together, to solving issues, wished to be approached directly with any concerns and to try not to take each other too seriously

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dorothy Harrison was elected as Chairman, proposed by Wendy Craddock seconded by Willem Wiechers  
Bernie Handford was elected as ViceChairman proposed by Alex McMinn seconded by David Blanchflower  
Chris Jones was elected as Treasurer, proposed by Bernie Handford seconded by Bill Evans  
Wendy Craddock was elected as Secretary proposed by Norma Seddon seconded by Willem Wiechers  
Bill Evans was elected as Magazine Editor proposed by Pauline Jones seconded by Margery Sargeant  
Ian Haskell was elected as membership Secretary proposed by Edna Lally seconded by Ann Snell

**GROUPS :** Dorothy circulated information on the Executive indicating changes:- Alex McMinn would be Chairman of Publicity, Willem Wiechers is IT and Data Base Protection Officer. Some members of the Executive had been re allocated to different Sub –committees. Dorothy will remain as Chair of the Social Committee until a replacement can be appointed .The social committee and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are to be amalgamated and Pat Atherton (Non-Executive) is now Chair of the HEOG.

**2 REVIEW OF THE AGM** It was considered that the AGM was successful , there were few questions ,however numbers are falling, we maybe consider having a Speaker as a way of attracting members. The AGM needs to be better advertised, it might be helpful to have emails sent out as reminders

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**3 Welcome and apologies for absence; Dorothy welcomed everyone to the meeting Present:-** Dorothy Harrison ( Chairman),Bernie Handford (Vice Chair) Chris Jones( Treasurer) Wendy Craddock( Secretary), Ian Haskell (Membership Secretary) Bill Evans (Magazine Editor), Willem Wiechers, Edna Lally, Marjorie Sargent, Alex McMinn, Norma Seddon, Ann Snell, David Blanchflower , and Pauline Jones

**Apologies:-** Beth Blamires

**4. Minutes of the last meeting** were signed as a true record.

**5. Matters arising:-** Anne Snell is to shadow the Membership Secretary as in poposal 4(b) Willem, Ann and Ian are to meet to discuss Willem’s involvement re Data Protection ,a report wil be provided for the next meeting of the Executive .Mugs are to be provided for use at Scarisbrick Village Hall. It was agreed that that small repairs be carried out on the Sands, but before any letters are written re ownership of the “sands”Jeff Roberts to be consulted

**6 Constitution** Jeff Roberts with two others are to work on the Constitution and present to the Executive in September. Members are asked to forward their ideas to Jeff ,David would like to re –evaluate of the numbers needed for a Quorum at the AGM.

**7. Treasurer:-**Balances Ca/c £6424.50, Dep a/c £32063.18, 10K Bond, Groups £30650 34..

**8. Membership Secretary :-**

19 New Members, 1554 Members have renewed their membership, 290 members have still to renew and 52 are not renewing Ian presented a breakdown explaining the reasons for members withdrawing from U3A, There are numerous U3A groups in the locality attracting members, some having dual membership. After a discussion the idea proposed by the Publicity Committee for a Saturday Coffee Morning was declined.

## 9 Committees

**1 Group Support** No Meeting . 5/6 short course are planned The New Textile Group is proving to be a success, Ballroom Dancing may need to have another day, modern Jive may be an additional possibility. David plans to add 2/3 groups each year if at all possible .Aerobics Lite now has 2 Groups Alex is to write about this in "Resources " The Move to Scarisbick Village Hall by the Bridge group has been well received .

Bernie Was concerned that communication be maintained with key holders of the S&GHQ , Jeff will continue with his role. The Genetics Course has been cancelled due to the presenter's involvement in Parbold U3A.

**2 Resources Committee** no meeting but Bernie had consulted his Committee by phone to sanction the purchase of equipment for digital photography.

**3 Publicity Committee** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th April were circulated .Bill suggested that he and another person man the stand at Park Praise. Alex will discuss with the Publicity Committee the sending of a letter re parking with residents local to Long Lane.

**4 Social Committee** A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will integrate with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for the next year.

**5 HEOG** Pat Atherton is now Chairman of this Group and Pauline Jones will report to the Executive . A trip to Martin Mere is planned and further film and afternoon tea events are planned.

**6 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** ,Minutes were circulated ,the next Meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Pauline is looking into venues for the Musical Theatre eg Ormskirk School. Other activities include Litter pick Up, Cruise ,Barbec ue, Bernie is to confirm booking the Park for "Music in the Park". Finally the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary /Lunch Dinner Alex suggested perhaps a Hog Roast in the School .

**7 Speaker Meetings** The visit by Tessa Jowell has been cancelled

**10. New Members afternoon tea** :- This is to take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30 ,There are 42 acceptances and to date 13 new members not able to attend. Anne circulated a New Members questionnaire ,Bill will provide a power point display. Name badges are needed by the Committee ,Dorothy asked for those helping to set up to arrive by 1.30 pm

**11 Trustees:-** no report

**12. Secretary Matters** The North West Region AGM is to be held on Friday May 18 in Preston, David formally proposed Neil Stevenson as our Regional Trustee if John Ellison is elected as Treasurer at the TAT AGM This was seconded by Alex McMinn.

Complaint from AVH re Parking was noted informal approach to those involved.

Jeff had sent an email re parking difficulties on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May (Horizons) It may help if people leave Horizons before 11.30. Willem suggested that notice be given to Margaret to post on the web.

### INFORMAL AGENDA

#### AOB

1 Concerns at the lack of support in putting away tables and chairs at the end of Horizons It seems to fall to the same group of people, help is asked for every week at Horizons .There is a rota for putting out tables and chairs but none for putting away

2 Alex gave an update of the impact the Memory course book was having, a news article in the TAT Magazine had contributed to the considerable interest shown

3. Alex Introduced a document from BIS (Business Innovation and Skills) concerning a Community Learning Pilot Alex offered the opportunity to members of the committee to read the document and to become involved

**The Meeting Closed at 11.35 am**

**The next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 9.30 am at the S&G HQ**