

**AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**Present:-** Dorothy Harrison(Chairman), Bernie Handford(Vice Chairman)Chris Jones( Treasurer) Wendy Craddock(Secretary)Bill Evans(Magazine Editor) Ian Haskell(Membership Secretary) Beth Blamires, Pauline Jones, David Blanchflower, Marjorie Sargent, Alex McMinn, Ann Haskell(Minutes)

**Apologies:-** Norma Seddon, Anne Snell, Willem Wiechers, Andrew Beeston(Trustee) Edna Lally, Ted Morrell(Trustee) Jeff Roberts(Trustee)

1. **Welcome:-**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and had apologies from the above.
2. **Minutes of the May Meeting:-** agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:- Constitution:-** is a lengthy issue and will be referred to the September Executive Committee meeting, Jeff Roberts, Ted Morrell, Beth Blamires, and Geoff Maitland to be approached by Dorothy Harrison to see if they would like to be involved in the amending our Constitution. It was reported from the South Lancs U3A Network meeting that they have concerns about the new TAT model Constitution and that a strong letter has been sent to the TAT re- iterating their concerns.
4. **Database:-**a meeting has been held between Willem Wiechers, Ian Haskell, and Anne Snell and a paper issued, attached, our **Data Protection Officer is Willem Wiechers** who will be asked to report to the July Executive meeting on the procedure for requesting a copy of our database.
5. **Membership Secretary:-**reported that this month 32 new members, next number 3241, 1676 paid up members and 1675 actual members, 58 have informed us that they are not renewing, but a further 195 have still not renewed. A discussion followed on reasons why members do not renew their membership, the welcome letter is designed to create ownership, people join for many reasons though it was felt 10/12% drop out rate was nothing to worry about.
6. **Treasurer**  
Balances:-Current a/c £5045, Deposit a/c £17066, Groups £22263. There is little to report work is in progress on the extension at the S&G HQ and funds are available should they be required.
7. **Committees**  
**Groups:-** no Committee meeting new short courses for the autumn have been advertised in the Magazine, these had a good response at the New Members Afternoon, Evening Courses have had a poor response, a Beginners Spanish Group has started at the request of the existing Spanish Groups.  
**Resources:-**no meeting  
**Publicity:-**no meeting Alex McMinn Chairman will chair a meeting this coming Friday and will review internal and external publicity. Bill Evans, Editor, brought to the meetings attention problems that he might have with the next issue of the Magazines and asked for comments on his proposed editing. Problems have occurred with the advert for men to join a Male Voice Choir from the Choir leader. David Blanchflower responded saying if someone approaches him to run a group he is honour bound to take it forward.  
**Social:-**The BBQ is on the 30<sup>th</sup> June the planning is all in hand thanks to Norman Williamson (ex- Chairman of the Social Committee) handing over such detailed files. There will be a Painting Group Exhibition, Keyboard music, and a Plant stall. In September we are having a concert from Heswell Concert Band and the Christmas meal will be at the Adelphi. Examples of diaries for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year are being considered. Carole Gray has approached Bernie Handford for help in organising the Welcome Desk. A discussion took place as to the position of the Welcome Desk, the frequency of duties, maybe being the reason for absentees and late arrival, and signposting for the Welcome Desk. This issue will be on the Agenda at the next Social Committee meeting.  
**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** meeting was on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and there is lots of movement. **The Musical** proposed dates 25/26/27 April and the Civic Hall is to be booked but concerns were raised about the availability of the Civic Hall as it is up for sale a meeting is being held to save it and Pauline Jones will attend. **Charity Stall/Litter Pickup** no problem the proposed dates are Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May or 30<sup>th</sup> May it is too early to make a definite booking with the council. **BBQ 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013** at AVH the caterers, Jazz Banks, Morris Dancers all still need to be booked. **Music in the Park 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013** Coronation Park is booked, 100 chairs are available and we can bring our own. Bands within the area are to be researched, costs considered and booked. **Cruise-Mersey Ferries** further details next month. **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Civic Event** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 the Wigan Rd School Hall has been booked, Lancashire Life and the Lord Lieutenants Office have been informed. It was proposed that we design and buy free standing banners for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to use at all the proposed events. Four groups are doing their own thing including Ballroom Dancing having an evening event with if possible a live band. Samples of posh bios will be available at the next meeting.  
**Speaker Meetings:-** Committee members:- David Blanchflower, Beth Blamires, Willem Wiechers, Bill Evans, Jeff Roberts have held a meeting. The February 2013 speaker will be from English Heritage, Alex has provisionally booked Professor Alastair Burns, for October /November 2012, which will have a similar format to the Susan Greenfield lecture launching a new programme.
8. **New Members Afternoon Tea:-**170 invitations were sent out, 50 attended, 25 let us know they couldn't attend. The report on the questionnaire has been circulated 44% of those who attended volunteered to help. The New Members

Afternoon Tea is a productive event giving us the opportunity to get new members involved David Blanchflower will go through the lists and allocate names to Committee Chairman to contact.

- 9. Horizons Welcome Desk:-** matter dealt with in item 7
- 10. Southport Flower Show:-** The information to be forwarded to the Gardening Group and we should negotiate a better deal for next year.
- 11. Trustees:-** no report
- 12. Secretary's Matters:-** Nominations for a Trustee to represent the NW Region if John Ellison becomes TAT Treasurer reported back that Neill Stevenson from Up Holland is considering standing but only a member of Up Holland U3A can nominate him but anyone can second him-please note this has now been confirmed via email from TAT. The Executive Committee were asked if they wished to nominate anyone for TAT Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and were reminded that the TAT mailings are available on their website including the resolutions for this year's AGM.

#### **INFORMAL AGENDA**

- 13. A.O.B** Two letters have been received from a man in Tarleton who wishes to join U3A music group, he is looking for a lift to the meeting. Dorothy Harrison will reply" as we have limited members in Tarleton he would need to get himself to S&G HQ and provide his own carer if he needs assistance."

**The meeting closed at 12.00 noon**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 9.30 am S&G HQ**