

AUGHTON-ORMSKIRK U3A

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

17 June 2014

Present: Willem Wiechers; Bill Watkinson; Idris Williams; Alex McMinn; Ian Haskell; Bernie Handford; Pauline Jones; MiaFaza; Lily Bunner; Cathleen Barnes; Geoff Roberts;

Apologies: Dorothy Harrison; Bill Evans; Stan Livingston; Iain Smart.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Geoff Roberts was nominated and duly elected.

Minutes of last meeting were read and would be amended as a hearty vote of thanks to Dorothy Harrison for her two years of chairmanship had been omitted in error from the minutes.

Matters arising: a letter has been received from Norma Seddon, (committee Secretary for the past two years) supporting Dorothy Harrison and discrediting the undeserved personal attack on her integrity at the AGM. Norma had found her to be candid, open and truthful. She stated that Dorothy has had a positive impact on the whole community as well as U3A. The Chairman has written to her agreeing with and thanking her for her sentiments. He thanked her for her years of service on the Committee.

U3A Website: it was agreed that minutes of committee meetings would be placed on the U3A website.

Memory Course: Willem has spoken with Sylvia Dillon and agreed with her that a meeting with some of the Executive will shortly be arranged.

Data Protection Officer will be appointed at our next committee meeting.

Review of Constitution: a work group has been set up to undertake this. The group will be chaired by Geoff Maitland and assisted by Andrew Beeston, Ian Haskell, Barbara Dixon, Viv Cole and Jeff Roberts. Ian Grant who is a local solicitor will act in an advisory role. Their remit will be to follow resolutions 2 and 3 as passed at the AGM. They will look at the issues and hopefully put forward proposals for a new constitution then present it to the Executive. Subject to approval by the Charity Commission it will be put to the membership at the AGM

2015. It was stated that at present and until a new Constitution is adopted all members of the Executive are trustees.

Treasurers Report; we have as follows: Deposit account; £38,124. 00. Bonds; £20,000.00. Groups account; £23,804.00. General Account; £2,351.00.

Membership Secretary report: currently 1649 paid up members.

Publicity Group: now chaired by Stan Livingston. No report as he was not present.

Social Committee: Gala Day ticket sales have been sluggish but have increased in last few days. It is expected it will pay for itself and break even.

Group Support: has a new committee headed by Willem until it is up and running.

Resources Committee: a new committee which has not held a meeting yet.

Potential New Group. Money is available from the Squash Association for U3A to set up a Softball group.

Monthly Speaker Meeting: is to be continued and will be organized by Mia Faza.

Speaker Meetings arranged:

3 July 'The life and times of a Vicar' by Canon Gordon Greenwood.

2 October 'Liverpool Heroes' by William Sergeant.

6 November 'R & D at Pilkingtons' by Dr.David Mathew.

Horizons Welcome Desk; the position of the welcome desk in the middle of the room is not satisfactory. It would be more accessible if placed by a wall in the large room. The Horizons members who currently sit there will be asked if they would mind giving up their place and move to another table. There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 15 July.
