

Aughton and Ormskirk U3A
Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd Dec. 2014

Present: Cathleen Barnes; Lily Bunner; Mia Faza; Dorothy Harrison; Bernie Handford; Ian Haskell; Pauline Jones; Stan Livingston; Geoff Roberts; Iain Smart; Bill Watkinson; Willem Wiechers (Chairman). Geoff Maitland (Chairman of the Working Party of Trustees)

Apologies for absence: Alex McMinn; Idris Williams.

Remit: to discuss and consider the clauses contained in a Paper entitled, 'Clauses covering a Trustee body recommended by a Working Party of the Trustees for inclusion in a revised Constitution'. The committee looked at the content line by line and discussed at length the implications therein.

A committee member asked, if it means that Trustees can veto Executive decisions. The explanation was that if the Executive are acting against the interests of the U3A then the Executive would be asked to reconsider their decision.

Appointment of Trustees

Point 2 was discussed extensively and it was agreed that when the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive accept their positions they are also agreeing to be on the Board of Trustees.

Under the item regarding the Executive Committee members who would be part of the new Trustee Body, it mentions that the Secretary of the Exec. Committee should also be the Secretary of the Trustees. It was also added "with the option of appointing a Minutes Secretary."

Under 'Minutes' it was stated that the minutes of all meetings were to go to the Trustees at the same time as going to the Executive Committee

Point 5, was amended to: Trustees who have been elected to serve a 4-year term shall not be eligible for re-election for the next two years after the end of their present term of office.

The remaining clauses: *cessation of office; conduct of meetings; content of meetings* and *Implementation Provisions* were discussed and finally agreed that they should remain as they are.

A question was asked as to what mechanism the Trustees will use to inform the Executive that they disapprove of their management of an issue. The Chairman of the Trustees stated that unless the Constitution directs a different course of action, they would talk to and correspond with the Executive. The Constitution will prescribe a course of action. Ultimately it may be necessary to hold a Special General Meeting

Completion and writing of the Constitution.

It was agreed that IH would prepare a Constitution based on the TAT model as put forward at last years Special General Meeting, and would endeavour to exclude the use of his/her and he/she.

Vote of Thanks.

The Executive vice-chairman proposed a vote of thanks to G Maitland (chairman of Trustees) for attending this Executive meeting which was warmly endorsed by the committee.