

AUGHTON - ORMSKIRK U3A
Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting

Held 3 February in the Church Centre.

Present: Cathleen Barnes; Lily Bunner; Mia Faza; Bernie Handford; Ian Haskell; Pauline Jones; Geoff Roberts; Iain Smart; William Watkinson; Idris Williams; Willem Wiechers; (Chairman).

Apologies: B. Evans; D. Harrison; S. Livingston; A. McMinn.

The meeting was arranged to discuss the Standing Orders for conducting an AGM or SGM.

The discussion commenced by establishing the date of next AGM as being Thursday 7 May 2015 to be held in the usual venue Christ Church. It was recognised that the general election is the same date but conclusion was that this would not cause a problem. Notification of AGM will be on the Notice board, the website and in the next magazine.

It was agreed that nominations for committee vacancies should be lodged with the secretary no later than 12 noon on 16 April. Nomination forms are on the web site or can be obtained from the Secretary P. Jones or the Chairman W. Wiechers at any Horizons meeting. Nominees will be required to present a statement of up to 100 words showing their involvement with U3A and previous relevant experience.

If there are more nominations than there are vacancies then election will be by secret paper ballot.

With regard to the question of current executive members nominating people for the committee there were differing opinions on this matter. It was put forward that current executive members should be barred from nominating anyone for the committee. Others argued that a committee member would be best qualified to know what is required to be on the executive committee and

would therefore be able to nominate a member who has appropriate qualities or experience.

After considerable discussion IH proposed that along with PJ he would investigate this issue with the Third Age Trust and the Charity Commission.

For this year it was proposed that any member can propose candidates. A vote was taken on this, 9 members voting in favour, none against with 2 abstentions.

Procedure for submitting Motions for the AGM.

Motions must have a proposer and seconder and completed on a form obtainable from the Secretary or the website. They must be lodged with the Secretary no later than 16 April. The motions will be published on the website and sent out by E-News no later than 23 April.

Any amendments must be received no later than 1 week before the AGM . These must be published as above by 3 May.

The Meeting concluded at 11.10 am.