

A & O U3A Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 10th June 2008.

1. **Present:** Ted Morrell (chair), Jeff Roberts, Chris Jones, Carole Gray, Ann Haskell, Norman Platt, Bob Roscoe, Stan Bryan, Chris Proctor + David Blanchflower. Alex McMinn & Andrew Beeston were in attendance.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Watkinson, Jim Robson, Beth Blamire, Norman Williamson, Pat McKenzie, Beryl Campbell & Alan Worthington.
3. Ted formally welcomed Chris, Ann & David to committee; re-welcomed Stan Bryan and Andrew Beeston (Trustee). Co-opted members Ann & Stan will need to be nominated at next AGM.
4. The meeting formally confirmed Chris Jones as the new Treasurer. Jeff was thanked for his sterling work in role since inception.
5. The meeting looked at the notes of the 5th Birthday Working Party and noted next meeting is on Tuesday 17 June at 930. All Executive members are encouraged to attend.
6. Minutes of 13 May meeting were agreed.
7. **Matters Arising** (a) Beth was congratulated on her work on DIUS Questionnaire (as issued and circulated). (b) The Constitution will be considered at next meeting when Beth's comments are expected. (The 4 trustees present are not keen on revising again).
8. The Minutes of AGM were accepted and will be posted to website and then submitted for formal approval at 2009 AGM.
9. **Queens Award:** We are very pleased to have received the award. Alex is "running" with organisation of a coach for 25 of us to go to County Hall on 3 July for presentation by Lord Lieutenant. Thought being given to utilise award to push for new members. Letter heading will be updated. A note will go on website.
10. **Trustees Report:** Nothing to report.
11. **Membership Report:** Pat's report was delivered by Jeff; we have had 24 new members this month, next member will be 2158. We had 1635 members at 31/12/07 but 359 had not yet renewed. Alex, Jeff & Ted will liaise with Pat to chase.
12. **Treasurers & Finance Committee:** Jeff presented figures. Budget will be hit if non payers remain at present level. Noted HQ capitation fee will be £3.50 not £4. The new Lancs CC grant of £5500 had not yet arrived.
13. **Committee Reports:** (i) Finance – see above. (ii) Travel will meet on 23 June. Noted 57 folk had booked on Derwent Water (HF) arranged by Walter Yates of walkers group. (iii) Social – Fair Trade coffee will be an option at Horizons. 272 tickets have been sold for 25 June Ferry Cruise. (iv) Group Support – meeting 16 June. (v) Publicity – meeting 17 June.
14. **Special Projects:** Age Concern has invited us to a Conference at Skelmersdale on 26 June. The Brookside Project is progressing towards a decision that will have important implications for us. Cultural Exchanges to be discussed at next months meeting. We will meet Older Persons Champion Dorothy Westall in Preston on 3 July.
15. **Lancashire Link.** David & Alex mentioned the special event A & O are to put on perhaps at Edge Hill. Jim will speak to item at next meeting.
16. **National Items etc:** (Sue's note of 5 June) (a) We will pursue "joint membership" suggestion: (b) £3.50 sum noted as above (c) We will pay the £15.30 for a Copyright Licensing License. (d) We will not order calendars but have ordered 250 2009 diaries. Ted will report back after Large U3A Meeting in London on 24th June. Alex mentioned changes in U3A Regions to match HM Regions. Also urged us to send a delegate to National AGM in Swansea on 6th September.
17. **Any Other Business (a)** Carole said a "storage facility" might be available from WLDC. (b) Chris P had passed to Sue a contact from Age Concern who offer free to 60+ folk home repair/handyman services. Sue to tell Alan W re our Contractors list. (c) An offer of a 16-25 volunteer from V Big Mission was noted. Details with Sue.

18. Next meeting Tuesday 8th July at 945.