

Aughton & Ormskirk U3A
Executive Committee Meeting

19th July 2011

Present:- Jeff Roberts (Chairman), Alex McMinn (Trustee), Chris Jones (Treasurer), Wendy Craddock (Secretary), David Blanchflower, Bernie Handford, Ann Haskell, Anne Snell, Edna Lally, Pauline Jones, Beth Blamires Norma Seddon (Minutes)

Apologies:- Norman Williamson, Margaret Kitchen, Bill Evans, Pat McKenzie, Willem Wiechers, Margery Sargent, Andrew Beeston (Trustee)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The above apologies were accepted.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:- were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:- The Third Age Trust new model Constitution for U3A's is now being considered by the National Executive Committee and The Charity Commission. **Social Committee:-** Norman Williamson is retiring at the AGM Jeff Roberts has already held a meeting regarding this and this committee's structure.

4 .AGM Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

5. Matters Arising from AGM minutes:- obituary notices will be a Formal Agenda Item at the September 2011 Executive meeting.

6. Alex McMinn:- a) Lancashire Learning Consortium:- is in the business of formal/informal learning information given, papers available, discussion followed. Aughton & Ormskirk U3A to join but effectiveness to be monitored. **Annual Fee £50 AGREED**

b) Paper Race on Line 2012:- proposals outlined in paper, for older people using the internet when housebound. Our IT team will study the project reporting back to the Executive Committee. Agreed for Aughton & Ormskirk U3A to be a champion for this project we can opt out at any time. Martha Elaine Fox is the Government Champion for this project and has been invited to speak to us.

c) Speaker Meetings:- resumes:- Sept "Things you never knew about yourself" Prof Gosney and Zeshan Khawaja research findings.

Oct. David Timmons "Local Authority Emergency Service Planning" **Nov.** "Our Olympic Bid" Tessa Jowell. **Feb 2012** Eric Midwinter founder of U3A. **Mar 2012** "Why we age" Prof Tony Kirkwood. All are subject to confirmation. See item 11 below..

d) Memory Course:- Train the Trainers moves forward a Seminar Day will be held in Doncaster for Sheffield & Yorkshire Region U3A's. Andrew Beeston (Trustee) is helping to ensure that we protect our ownership i.e. Copyright, ISPN. Open Response Network.

7) Membership Secretary:- emailed paper 1648 paid up members includes 10 new members, the next number is 2988 concerns about the figures were discussed. How do we celebrate number 3000? No decision.

8) Treasurer:- Figures:- General a/c £8778, Dep a/c £25030, Bond £10K, Groups £17702 known expenses rent £8.900, Newsletter £5K Third Age Trust £6k. Gift Aid as yet not received, £3.400 is restricted fund. Subscriptions do not cover the running costs of Aughton & Ormskirk U3A and we might have to pay our rents in advance.

9) Committees:- Group Support:- Questionnaire reviewed:- 19 groups have less than 8 people in them, 40% don't use the website or update information, some group leaders are happy to run short courses, support given where needed Group Support contacting these Group Leaders a Newsletter/Bulletin to be circulated bi-monthly. A Coffee & Cake working morning is planned for 2nd November. Aughton & Ormskirk Shared Learning Project for U3A based on local walks with a website possibility to be created.

Resources:- minutes circulated with details of grants, the Concertina Fund application for "That Terrible U3A" was unsuccessful, as was the application to TAT for £100 towards the shop project. The Resources Committee requested the Musical Theatre Group to apply much earlier for funding for future productions. Equipment must be returned promptly for others to use. **Publicity:-** working on the development of the Magazine and designing a poster. The Executive Committee to approve the poster prior to printing.

Social:- concerns about the composition of the committee/events the whole question is being looked at. **H.E.O.G** will report back fully after their main meeting in September.

10) Secretary's Matters:- TAT mailing Advice Sheet Events & Travel, Application for funding self-help learning events, U3A Networks, Paper from the Treasurer on grants for U3A groups organising workshops, revamped document on Insurance, email Chess notice, new subject adviser for gardening. Please be aware you can download the mailing from TAT website.

Notice & Agenda TAT AGM 2011:- We will fund two attendees who can make an informed decision on the day for voting, if no one going then a small group of Executive members will decide on the proxy voting. **NW region:-** Ann and Wendy are attending the Treasurer's day seminar in Chester on Monday 25th July 2011.

11) Trustees:- no meeting but an email received from Andrew Beeston 1) Asking if the accounts been approved? 2) Where was the new model constitution up to? 3) The Insurance protection of Trustees, Executive & committee members? These matters were referred to Ted Morrell, Chairman of the Trustees.

INFORMAL AGENDA

11) Speaker Meetings:- A Speaker Meeting Committee is being formed with a similar format to the present.

12) 12 Anniversary Celebrations:- in 2013 but start the celebration in October 2012. A sub-committee will be formed the first meeting planned for September 2011 reporting back to the Executive.

13) A.O.B C.B.S involved in community activities would like to be invited to Horizons. **BB**

Meeting closed at 11.45 am

The next Executive meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September 2011 at 9.30 am at the S&G H.Q