

Aughton & Ormskirk U3A
Executive Committee
Meeting Tuesday 21 February 2012

Present:- Jeff Roberts(Chairman), Dorothy Harrison (Vice Chairman) Chris Jones (Treasurer), Wendy Craddock, (Secretary), Ian Haskell, Margery Sargent, Norman Williamson, David Blanchflower, Pauline Jones, Beth Blamires, Bill Evans, Willem Wiechars, Pauline Jones, Bernie Handford, Alex McMinn Trustee, Norma Seddon,(Minutes)

Apologies:- Sue Watkinson, Andrew Beeston, Ted Morrell, Ann Haskell

1. Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were **agreed** and signed as a true record. Beth Blamires had attended the previous meeting and apologies for the omission were given and accepted.

3. Matters Arising:-

Magazine:- advance dates and times are generic for all groups need to be detailed in the Magazine.

Obituaries:- The 2011 AGM referred to the Executive Committee "Should Obituary Notices be in the Magazine" to reply at the 2012 AGM:- This was fully discussed at the July 2011 Executive Committee and referred for further discussion and decision. At this meeting after further discussion the **unanimous decision** was that we do not have obituary notices in the Magazine or at Horizons **AGREED** Group Leaders were best placed to inform their **members of recent deaths, however H.E.O.G should be kept informed.**

4. Treasurer:-Income and expenditure similar to last year though Speaker Meeting costs have doubled and some expense will be required as we repair the "sands" again but by doing so do we accept liability? Advice to be sought from Ted Morrell The move of the Bridge Group to Scarisbrick will have cost implications. 50 new chairs for the S&G HQ have been purchased at £48 each.

Balances:- Ca/c 6555, Dep a/c 18601, Bond 10K, Group £23,000, the Groups balance is a notional figure as monies are owed to the main account and transferred when necessary.

5. Membership:- 22 New Members, 1822 paid up members, next number 3140, 26 members paid for 2012-13. Ian had prepared a paper regarding "**DATA PROTECTION**" and "**GIFT AID RECORD KEEPING**" this was distributed to the meeting for consideration. The main implication being that only **CHAIR & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** would have access to the A&O Data Base.

6. AGM – notices published in the Magazine. **Executive 2012** a paper was circulated indicating the Year appointed, Re-election, and Retirement. 5 members are to leave the Committee, 4 Members are due for re-election and there are three nominees. The current co-optees would go forward for election. The committee were reminded of those who were due to retire or seek re-election.

7. Charities Although our present Constitution doesn't mention Charities as we have Charity Status we have to comply with the Charity Commission Therefore it is our Policy and Practice not to support or make donations to charities. **AGREED** The request to consider to buying a seat the Everyman Theatre for £500 was considered a none starter it is up to the Theatre Group as individuals to consider this.

8. Future of Speaker Meetings Alex McMinn has indicated his wish to step down as Speaker Secretary. Tessa Jowell will be the July speaker, and September will be Professor Tom Kirkwood. A Committee will be formed to take the speaker meetings forward Jeff Roberts, David Blanchflower, Beth Blamires, Bill Evans, Willem Wiechers.

9 Committees:-

Groups- there had been a poor response to Evening Groups. Friday Bridge is moving to Scarisbrick Village Hall allowing Canasta to increase in number. Tuesday morning computers are moving, S&G premises best used for smaller groups 20 plus.

Publicity:- The issue of whether the Magazine should be available on our website with data information implications were discussed. With three months between each Magazine issue do we need a broadsheet?

Resources no meeting

Social:- The Spring Event An Evening with Frank Sinatra 28th April tickets will be on sale from 1st March

10. 10th Anniversary next meeting 29th February, planning a flexible programme

11. Secretaries Mailings:-U3A News Distribution it was **Agreed** that we still have bulk distribution. **TAT** mailing included information on National U3A Choir event, and Induction of New U3A Trustees (Committee Members)**NW Region** gave information on their events until the NW Region AGM 18th May 2012 in Preston. Both mailings are available on the website. Questionnaire received for completion by our organisation from West Lancs Council

12. Trustees:- Constitution:-The November Executive committee had requested that information be obtained from the Charity Commission following discussion the Chairman requested Beth to search the Charity Commission Section on Trustees for possible incorporation into an amended A&O Constitution.

13. South Lancs Network:- To celebrate TAT 30th Anniversary across the Network would hold Table Tennis matches etc Jeff pointed out that the first responsibility of Group Leaders was to their group members.

Informal Agenda

14. H.E.O.G no meeting

15. A.O.B Alex circulated papers for consideration on :-

a) TAT latest copy of "OBJECTS & PRINC IPLES"

b) Paper regarding formation of a new sub-committee to look at various Current Development issues

The Meeting ended at 11.50 am. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 20th March at 9.30am in the S&G HQ