

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING 13TH AUGUST 2013

Present:- Dorothy Harrison(Chairman), Bernie Handford (Vice Chairman) Wendy Craddock(Secretary), Chris Jones (Treasurer) Norma Seddon, Pauline Jones, Bill Evans, Alex McMinn, Cathy Barnes, Mia Faza, Stan Livingston, Ian Haskell, David Blanchflower, Ray Simm (Trustee) joined the meeting later.

Apologies:- Beth Blamires, Willem Wiechers

1. Welcome:-The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies:- had been received from the above

3. Minutes of the 16th July 2013 meeting were signed as a true record after the alteration:-
Item 4:3 add Alan Nolan is to provide a risk assessment form

4. Matters Arising

a).Post Code:- The Neutrality of the address is important it was felt that the existing P.O.Box number could still be used but be delivered to the Ministry Centre. This will be discussed again at the next Executive Committee meeting when clarification and costs from the Post Office will have been sought.

b).Photocopying of music: it is illegal to photocopy music. A statement to be included in the magazine re-iterating that the photocopying of music is illegal and it will be an item at the Group Leaders meeting

5. Trustees Meeting:-

Dorothy Harrison had attended the Trustee meeting held on the 19th July 2013, Bill Hale was interim Chairman and Jeff Roberts took the minutes. Chris Jones as a newly appointed Trustee did not receive his invitation to attend the meeting. Dorothy has written a personal letter to Bill Hale raising her concerns at the way in which the meeting had been conducted and requested that she and Bill meet to discuss those concerns. The letter was read in full to this meeting, followed by discussion, Trustees Ian Haskell and David Blanchflower fully endorsing the concerns and issues raised in her letter. One positive outcome from the Trustee meeting being that when the new TAT Model Constitution for A&O U3A is presented to the membership at a SGM it will have been signed jointly by both the Chairmen of the Executive Committee and the Trustees. Alex thought that A&O U3A would implode by the end of the year. Alex informed the Executive Committee of three alternative proposals re the constitution, which may be put forward by the membership. The Secretary read from the existing Constitution on calling a Special General Meeting which is called by the Secretary if one fifth of the committee request such a meeting in writing stating the business to be considered. At least 21 days of notice shall be given. The Committee was informed that Ted Morrell had resigned as a Trustee.

6. Horizons -Questionnaire Update: 3 out of 4 weeks have now been completed, 137 forms had been received to date Ian Haskell gave will give a full analysis of the figures when completed, the interim results would indicate that Horizons remains open on Speaker mornings, it was decided that this would happen for the September Meeting. Stan Livingston and Pauline Jones would act as coordinators and Ian would provide a list of volunteers to clear the room at the end of Horizons. Sue Watkinson had provided a discussion paper re Horizons this is deferred until the next meeting. The Speaker Meeting on 5th September 2013 will be held at Christ Church and Horizons at the S&G HQ open as normal Proposed Alex McMinn Seconded Chris Jones Agreed by Majority Vote.

Speaker Meetings; more publicity needs to be given to Speaker Meetings.

7 10th Anniversary River Cruise ; Information on the status of the Cruise was circulated, Cost of Cruise £3080 plus entertainment costs, Non re-fundable deposit paid £1026, 58 tickets sold at £12.50 £725, a decision was requested on the figures to date do we cancel or continue with the possibility of further loss, at present our loss will be £1026. Jeff Roberts and Chris Jones have the original paperwork. Due to lack of support the cruise should be cancelled, proposed by Chris Jones and seconded by David Blanchflower Agreed Unanimous Decision. The organisers to arrange the refund of all ticket monies, cancel transport arrangements, and contact Mersey River Cruises to enquire, as our being a charity, about a partial refund.

8 Treasurer's Report: C a/c £4747-34, Dep a/c £24080-43, Bond 10K, Groups £33488. Future expenses about 10K to 12K depending on Gift Aid and the 10th Anniversary Costs. The Memory Course outstanding balance is down to £900 with further cheques to come in.

9 Membership Secretary:- New Members joined since the last Executive Meeting 13, last member number 3496, current members 1783, members paid 1787, Subscription income 2013-14 £26795. 207 Members have not renewed out of which 166 have told us the reason for non-renewal.

10 U3A Matters Magazine mailing:- all Groups Leaders, Executive Committee members and the Trustees have all been e-mailed requesting their permission for their details to be forwarded to the TAT distributors of Third Age Matters and Sources so that the magazines can be mailed to them for sharing amongst the membership.

11; Committees

a 10th Anniversary /social:- tickets for the Civic Reception are now available at £7.50 each, Cathy Barnes and Alex McMinn will support Elva to sell tickets at Horizons. Representatives from local U3A's are invited to bring partners. Display boards are available for the Civic Reception. The Mayor will be in attendance

b Group Support:- no meeting held, however an evening for group leaders and afternoon tea for new members to be arranged, Chris Jones has agreed to funding group leaders evening

c Resources:- no meeting. Alex McMinn reminded meeting of the availability of grant funding he will submit an article for the magazine to encourage project development. The Executive Committee was reminded that at the July 2013 meeting it was agreed that if a specific need was identified then applications could be presented for consideration for grant application.

d Publicity:- nothing to report

e H.E.O.G:- the next event is a canal trip taking place on the 21st August with two boats from Haskayne to the Ship Inn

12 Secretary's Matters:- The 2014 U3A diaries have now been received and will be on sale from the end of September. For information from the Third Age Trust or North West Region please refer to their websites. Alex McMinn will be representing A&O U3A at the Third Age Trust AGM in September.

INFORMAL AGENDA

13 AOB :- none

The meeting closed at 11 45.