

## Aughton & Ormskirk U3A

### Executive Committee

Meeting Tuesday 19th November 2013

**Present:-** Dorothy Harrison, Chairman, Bernie Handford, Vice Chairman, Chris Jones, Treasurer, Wendy Craddock, Secretary, Norma Seddon, Stan Livingston, Cathy Barnes, Bill Evans, Alex McMinn, Pauline Jones, Willem Wiechers, David Blanchflower, Mia faza.

**Apologies:-** Ian Haskell, Beth Blamires.

### FORMAL AGENDA

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

**2. Apologies:-** had been received from the above

**3. Minutes:-** the minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record after the figures for Scarisbrick Village Hall were amended to read an increase of 20% for the main hall and the smaller room a 40% reduction and the Mersey Ferry Refund corrected to £513

**4. Matters Arising:-**

**Leaders Handbook** will be an Agenda item next month after a discussion on group monies.

**Memory Course Team:-** are still awaiting a reply from the Chair of Trustees

**P.O.Box:-** update we now have the exact information to change our account details and The P.O. Box mail to be then delivered to the Ministry Centre.

**5. Constitution:-**

**Special Meeting of the Executive:-** took place on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 10 Executive Committee members attending with 5 Apologies –minutes circulated

**Willem Wiechers Proposed “We vote on this Constitution dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and formally accept it”**  
**Seconded David Blanchflower Carried unanimously (10)**

**Meeting with the Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> November:-** everybody had their say with a vigorous discussion the summary of the meeting was circulated.

The e-mail sent to the Executive Committee and Trustees by Dorothy Harrison, Chairman, after this meeting was read out:- **The A&O U3A Executive Committee is of the view that the way forward is to implement the proposed constitution based on the Third Age Trust model. The Executive Committee is aware that the current Trustee body is composed of people with specific skills and knowledge and who have the interests of the U3A at heart. Recognising that the present Trustees wish to continue to contribute such expertise to the U3A then this Executive Committee would ask the Trustees to support the proposed new constitution, and in recognition of this support the Executive Committee would be agreeable upon implementation of the new constitution to the establishment of an advisory group composed of the existing Trustees.**

After a full discussion **David Blanchflower proposed “ That we accept the two amendments to clauses 15 and 16” seconded by Bernie Handford, carried by majority vote , 1 abstention**

This was followed by further clarification discussion of the need to adopt the new model constitution from the TAT **Dorothy Harrison proposed that “This Constitution be accepted” seconded by Bernie Handford a majority vote in favour, two against and two abstentions.**

**The Special General Meeting will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014** at Christ Church Aughton the next two editions of the magazine will carry the SGM notices and further information..

**6.Treasurer:-** The monthly figures are Current A/C 5718, Dep A/C£27084 Bond £20K and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year final costs:- Mersey Ferry Trip £608DR, Litter Collection £96DR, Mini Olympics£94DR. Band in the Park£790.44DR, Civic Reception£1231-33 DR, Market Stall £81.55CR BBQ £573DR.the total £3261.22DR. Bond £20K. The Treasurer gave a resume of known income and expenses.

**7. Membership Secretary:-** In Ian’s absence Bernie Handford was covering the desk the figures for the last month are:-3568 Last number issued, 22 new members, 1853 members with 1875 paid up members these figures are provisional.

**8.Groups:-** The New Members Afternoon Tea had not attracted as many as we would have hoped for but never the less it was worthwhile with offers of help with Administration, Finance, to set up and run groups, though when contacted some retracted their offer. We ought to remember that we are attracting younger members who we need to cater for as well as thinking about the older members who need welfare considerations. David clarified the role of Group Support i.e. to facilitate the setting up of a group not to organise it and run it. The Groups Leaders’ Cheese

and Wine evening had been well attended and a full resume of the Group Leader's survey would be available at the next meeting

**9. Social /10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:-** have now reverted back to just being the Social Committee and are busy with arrangements for the Adelphi Christmas meal. At the meeting next week the committee will commence planning events for next year taking care that events don't clash.

**10. Resources:-** three different tablets have now been purchased, and concern was raised about the lack of a safe, or secure storage facilities. Willem reported that after the e-newsletter reporting on the purchase of the tablets seven members attended the Monday morning session with tablets. When the sound system is switched off in the upstairs office we are unable to access the system in order to switch it back on therefore this causes a problem, S&G HQ will be contacted to see if the system could be moved.

**11. Publicity:-** is going well distributing publicity materials around Ormskirk. We are getting new members on the basis of the website. Speaker Meetings need more publicity.

**12. H.E.O.G :-**are taking their members to Dobbies Southport for Jazz and Christmas shopping.

**13. Speaker meeting:-** Andrew Wilde will be giving a recital on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March at Christ Church Aughton.

#### **INFORMAL AGENDA**

**14. Christmas Day Lunch;-** Alex gave a resume of the on- going arrangements of the meal he is organising in conjunction with other local charities there are no financial implications for Aughton & Ormskirk U3A. Alex also circulated undiscussed papers on "Loneliness-Responding to the Challenge" and "Silver Line" which is to be launched this coming Monday.

**15. The length of the Agenda :-** this will be discussed at the next meeting as an agenda item,

The meeting closed at noon

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 9.30 am AT THE MINISTRY CENTRE

