

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2014

Present:- Dorothy Harrison, Chairman, Bernie Handford, Vice Chairman, Chris Jones, Treasurer, Wendy Craddock, Secretary, Norma Seddon, Pauline Jones, David Blanchflower, Ian Haskell, Willem Wiechers, Stan Livingstone . Cathy Barnes, and Beth Blamires

Apologies:-Alex McMinn, Bill Evans and Mia Faza.

1. **Welcome:-**The Chairman Dorothy Harrison 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.
4. **Matters Arising:-**
 - a) PO Box- Bernie will pay a visit to Ormskirk PO to help resolve the ongoing situation to have mail delivered to the Ministry Centre
 - b) Length of Meeting-Commitment was made to adhere to Agenda items
5. **Special General Meeting** –date 20th March 2014,a discussion followed on the planning of the Meeting It was suggested that a flyer be circulated reminding members to bring their membership cards when attending the Special General Meeting.
6. **Membership Secretary's Report:-** members joined since December Executive meeting 21, last member number 3594, current members 1893 paid 1861, member paid 1906 2013/14 1871 2012/13 Subscription income £28350. Capitation figure used 1833.
7. **Treasurers Report:-**Current a/c £6178, Dep a/c 20086, Groups £19169, Bond 20K the figures are on target though slightly less than last year, with known expenses to come £9395 approx. The Adelphi Christmas meal has hidden costs e.g. printing the raffle generates an income to cover these but was down on last year.
8. **Secretary-e-mails received**
 - a) A complaint had been made about the suitability of two photographs being used in the last Magazine the meeting were assured that permissions had been sought and given for them being included in the Magazine. Arising from this discussion concerns were voiced by members of the Committee about the lack of support Bill Evans, Editor, had received from the Publicity Committee re the content of the Magazine. These specific issues will be raised by Stan at the forthcoming Publicity Committee meeting.
 - b) The University of Central Lancashire are asking for U3A volunteers to take part in Academic research to be undertaken by Glen Carrigan a Neuropsychology researcher at UCLan.
 - c) An e-mail request has been received requesting help in completing a Power of Attorney form via the Gov. Website. The Executive Committee felt that this was something which couldn't be undertaken by Aughton & Ormskirk because of our lack of legal expertise in these matters.
9. **The Sands:-**a complaint had been made to Bernie about the surface of the Sands. The following actions to discuss the issue :-
 - Bernie is to contact the Mayor
 - Chris is to contact Geoff Roberts
 - Beth will contact Bill Cropper
 - Norma will contact David O'Toole

10 Committees if anything to report:-

Group Support, the Group support manual was discussed, David had found a model Group Leaders manual on the website and will circulate this to Pauline and Cathy. David will then proceed to arrange a meeting to collaborate.

Social Committee:- the Christmas Lunch at the Adelphi in December 2014 and the BBQ in June 2014 will be discussed fully at the forthcoming meeting of the Social Committee.

Speaker Meetings in February, March, and April have been finalised .There will be no Speaker Meeting in May because of the AGM. Beth is organising the June Meeting.

H.E.O.G Pauline Jones reported that the outing to Dobbies had not been a success.

- 11 A.O.B** There are discounts available to U3A members when visiting RHS Gardening Events as a group, information will be circulated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.55

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS ON THE 18th FEBRUARY AT 9.30 IN THE S&GHQ