

INFORMAL AGENDA

Open Forum

Questions raised at the Open Forum were concerned with the closure of the S&GHQ on the mornings of Speaker Meetings .Many views were expressed and noted. The lobby wished to generate a voting procedure in support of the opening of the S&GHQ on the mornings of Speaker Meetings ,however that motion was out of order, clarification was given explaining that papers/resolutions for discussion had to be registered with the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM.

The Chair assured those present that all views would be presented to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2013

CHRIST CHURCH AUGHTON

FORMAL AGENDA

- 1.Welcome:-**Dorothy Harrison Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM
- 2.Apologies:-** Received from Sally Kirkby, Mr & Mrs Smart, Andrew & Elizabeth Beeston, John & Elizabeth Blamires and Margaret Wiechers
- 3.Minutes** of the 2012 AGM were approved by Stan Livingston& Seconded by Mia Faza were signed as a true record
- 4.Matters** arising:- None
- 5.Secretary** Wendy Craddock:-At the start of our 10 Anniversary year the Membership Secretary's figures showed that membership of Aughton&Ormskirk U3A was 1891 at the end of 2012/13 that is an overall net increase of 70 on the previous year. This year a new Speaker Meeting Committee has been formed to organise the monthly speaker meeting the aim is to provide speakers on a diverse range of topics ranging from serious to light hearted. According to the News-sheet Volume1 No2 there were 17 Groups and 15 of which are still active today most of them having the same Group Leader. In this year our 10th Anniversary year we have 97 groups and have run short courses in English Architecture, Wellbeing, Novelists/Poets, Style coaching, Chemistry, and Creative Writing. This year has seen some groups finish but new Groups namely Textiles, Quilting, Short Mat Bowling (Monday), and Five- a -side Football have taken their place. Groups continue to be active and expanding in particular the Ballroom Dancing group which now meets on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with a total of 100 members. The Friday Bridge Group moved to Scarisbrick Village Hall which enabled Canasta to expand. But that is only part the story we have many unseen groups who work tirelessly behind the scenes, from the Drama and Musical productions, to the Newsletter, production and Distribution, and Horizons where we have Setting up, Welcome Desk, and Refreshment teams. We are always evolving and moving forward. This year has

seen the introduction of our E-Mail Newsletter which comes out in the months when no Magazine has been issued. Our Website has unlimited space and so is an excellent vehicle for the membership to find out information. On the administration side we have the Executive Committee, Trustees, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Social, Resources, Publicity and Group Support Committees. Members of the Executive Committee are elected by the membership at the AGM and the sub Committees are chaired by an Executive Committee member, who all report back monthly to the Executive Committee. In accordance with the 2008 Constitution I am pleased to announce that at the February 2013 Executive Committee meeting we elected three Executive Committee members to become Trustees. Thank you all for your contribution to making Aughton & Ormskirk U3A the success that it is today. In conclusion may I as the Secretary of A&O U3A thank you the membership for your continued support.

6. Treasurers Report:-The Meeting was provided with a power-point presentation illustrating the accounts for the year ending 31/ 03/2013. Income was similar to last year. Tributes were paid to Barbara Bonner in recognition for the contributions received from the sale of books, also from the income from Horizons and from the Social Committee. Chris thanked Dorothy Harrison as Chair of the Social Committee and Lilly Bonner and her team The support from Gift Aid is also significant to our income .Chris thanked our auditor B. E. Molloy and his team.

Questions from:-

Sue Watkinson asked about premises rental from groups .The Treasurer confirmed that group rentals were paid group accounts.

Geoffrey Partington asked three things:-

1. Was Christmas lunch at the Adelphi included in the Social and did this include coaches? The Treasurer confirmed that this was shown in the profits made by the Social Committee
2. Credit versus Accumulated Profit- very little accumulated profit. The Treasurer confirmed that the running costs of 42K were much in line with the previous year(ie 38K)
3. Advanced subscriptions for 2013/14 in bank but not included in accounts for 2012/13 amounted to over £9000. Chris replied that there was a shortfall accounted for by the advanced expenditure for the 10th Anniversary Celebrations and the Memory Course.

Resolution 1 Bernie Handford proposed the acceptance of the accounts seconded Jack Dixon

Resolution 2 B E Molloy be appointed as independent examiner for 2013-14 proposed by Willem Wiechers and seconded by Edna Spencer

Resolution 3 Subscriptions for the year 2014-15 be held at £15 proposed by David Blanchflower and seconded by Ray Simm

7. Election of Executive Committee:-

Election of Wendy Craddock, Pauline Jones, Willem Wiechers for second term proposed by Stella Potter and Seconded by Norma Seddon

Election of Mia Faza, Stan Livingston, Cathy Barnes proposed by Geoff Maitland and seconded by Alex McMinn

8 Chairman Dorothy Harrison:-

Dorothy introduced the Executive Committee to those present.

Dorothy re-iterated her original thoughts on becoming Chair in wishing everyone enjoyment fun laughter and adventure, and hoped the membership had had a good year Dorothy emphasised how important our group Leaders are and that it was gratifying to see new members at Horizons.

As Chair of the Social Committee Dorothy spoke about the planning of the 10th Anniversary Celebrations and how important it is to celebrate this decade of success. Dorothy spoke of the enjoyable Christmas lunch at the Adelphi Hotel and of future events, we were asked to help those who might need extra support from members in attending our forthcoming celebrations.

Dorothy spoke of the success of the Memory Course and in our own U3A and other U3As throughout the Country. The Memory Course will continue to run for our own members as long as there is the demand. Links are being forged with Brookside, the sheltered housing community in Ormskirk, it is hoped that we can encourage residents to come to some of our activities as well as those which can be held in Brookside.

Dorothy referred to planning later in the year to adopt a recommended new model Constitution from the TAT which would require approval from the Charity Commission

In conclusion Dorothy thanked all those people who over the last ten years had supported her in friendship enjoyment and learning, hoping that others had experienced the same.

9 The date of the next AGM is to be held on 8th May 2014

10 The Formal meeting closed at 11.12am