

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

HELD ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL, 2017

AT 9.30 A.M.

IN

THE MINISTRY CENTRE, AUGHTON

PRESENT: J.H. Roberts, L. Burden, M. Gibbon, G. Latham, G. Maitland, T. Morrell, M. Wiechers

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Alex McMinn

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

1.1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 EXTERNAL RELATIONS - AMc

2.1. AMc gave a presentation and updated the Trustees on progress on External Relations. He circulated papers on Strategy, Achievements of Aughton & Ormskirk U3A and Spring 2018 –Time to Celebrate.

2.2 He reminded the Committee that the U3A's Fifteenth Birthday will be celebrated next Spring as will the tenth Anniversary of the Queens Award for Voluntary and Community Service. A glass cabinet is being made to hold the Trophy and this will be sited in HQ.

2.3 He outlined our commitment to the 'Objectives and Principles' of the Third Age Trust. MW asked if the document he was referring to was an up to date copy of the Third Age Trust Document, and if it correlates with the document on the website. LB to check website to ensure Third Age Trust information is up to date.

2.4. It was hoped that the Communications Sub-Committee would take over the role of External Relations, however it was pointed out that it was very much undermanned.

2.5. AMc informed the meeting that Universities were taking steps to contact older members and this, along with online courses, was, he felt, the way forward.

2.6. Attention was drawn to problems associated with dementia and it was pointed out that training for U3A members was in hand.

2.7. The Chairman of Trustees thanked AMc for the presentation and all the work he

ACTION

LB

had undertaken both externally and internally on behalf of the Aughton & Ormskirk U3A.

At this point AMc left the meeting.

3.0 APOLOGIES

3.1 There were no apologies

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 The Minutes were amended to read:

(5.1) He confirmed that a user Levy of 50p per head is being applied to U3As using the Beacon System.....

(7.2) LB informed the meeting that a Notice will be placed in the March Magazine, on the notice board at HQ and included on the Website.

(4.2) The Chairman signed the amended minutes.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 (4.6) JHR forwarded details of First Aid Training to LB.

5.2 (5.5) JHR, GL and Bill Watkinson met with the Independent Examiners (Auditors).

5.3 (6.2) Trustees Strategy Reports - This item was on the Agenda.

5.4 (7.2) A Notice had been placed in the Magazine.

5.5 (9.1) MW has emailed Trustees with details of West Lancs Dial-a-Ride Community Cars.

MW informed the meeting that Sue Watkinson would be taking this forward.

5.6 (11.2) GM volunteered to attend a S & G HQ Committee Meeting if invited. it was agreed to revisit the Role of U3A as tenants of the S & G HQ in six months time.

6.0 AGM 2017

6.1 It was agreed to finalise Trustees' input into AGM.

6.2 JHR to present Trustees' Report

6.3 GM to Chair AGM

6.4 TM to put together a Special Resolution and forward to LB, which TM will propose.

6.5 GM will call for a vote.

6.6 It was agreed that a show of hands of two-thirds majority will be needed if the motion

JHR

is to be carried and 'Counters' will be required.

7.0 U3A TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 GL gave a presentation to the Trustees. Financial Reports covering the period 1st April 2016 – 28th February 2017 had already been emailed to all present.

7.2 GL informed the meeting that accounts would be submitted to JVSA in April and it was expected that they would complete their examination by 5th June ready to be approved by the Trustees before they were put before the members at the AGM on 15th June, 2017.

7.3 It was agreed that GL would circulate accounts to all Trustees by email for approval

GL

7.4 LB gave GL an invoice for twelve months provision of access to the Beacon system to be passed to Bill Watkinson.

GL

8.0 FUTURE STRATEGY

8.1 JHR is in the process of producing a discussion document.

8.2 He proposed that the Aughton & Ormskirk U3A continue membership of the Third Age Trust and adhere to its Principles.

8.3 Continue to recruit new members.

8.4 Explore all options for new premises.

8.5 Recognise activity groups are the lifeblood of the organisation and support Group Leaders – regular audits. Groups can fade if there is no new input from younger members who, it was thought, join to do a specific activity.

8.6 Continue to extend our links with national and local bodies.

8.7 Responsibility for External Relations to fall within the remit of the Communications Sub-Committee.

8.8 Need to remain a credible organisation.

8.9 Everything we do should be for the benefit of our members.

8.10 Explore initiatives supporting people in the home alongside MOOTs.

8.11 Support Dementia Awareness initiatives.

8.12 Investigate co-operation with other similar groups.

8.13 Look at reserve levels as there are significant resources.

8.14 audit Groups.

9.0 DIGITAL ARCHIVES, MISSING MINUTES – MW

9.1 MW informed the meeting that archiving of the Management Committee Minutes onto the Website had been started. She went on to say that she did not wish to carry on with this task and she would find someone else to continue with it. MW to take forward.

MW

At this point MW left the meeting

10.0 A.O.B

10.1 The Dancing Group had requested a defibrillator for Scarisbrick Village Hall.

LB to investigate.

LB

At this point GM and TM left the meeting.

10.2 MG agreed to attend the Local older people’s charity, that Age UK Lancashire is hosting at their Wellbeing Centre on Moorgate on Friday 21st April to officially launch its new

MG

‘Charter for Later Life.’ It was suggested this was raised at the Management Committee also, to see if anyone else wanted to attend.

LB

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 The next meeting had been arranged for Monday 10th July, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.18 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....

Jul 17/LB