

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

(Registered Charity No. 1105255)

MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 14th JUNE, 2018 AT CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON

The meeting commenced at 10.40.

1. **Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman, Ian Grant, welcomed the 106 members present. He explained that as some members had to leave early any matters requiring votes would be dealt with at an early stage. He also thanked the new team of tellers who had volunteered and Peter Chalk who had stepped in at the last minute to operate the sound system.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from Jacqueline Roscoe, Edna Lalley, Eddie Healey, Bill and Eileen Evans, Carmel Franco, Brian and Judith Ingman, Sue and Bill Watkinson, John and Megan Tomlinson, Christine and Peter Robinson, Bob Sheehan, Val Bullen and Peter Gateley, Marjorie and Stan Bryan, Lesley Smith, Pat McKenzie, Cathleen Spurr, Stella Potter, Lilly Bunner, David Sunderland and Miriam Mott, Dennis and Val Morley.
3. **Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.** The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried unanimously.
4. **Trustees Report.** Jeff Roberts explained the role of the Trustee body and highlighted the major items that had been discussed over the past year, Governance, Health and Safety, Insurance cover, Finance and Data Protection.
5. **Chairman's Report** – already published.
6. **Secretary's Report** – already published.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer confirmed that the Accounts had been posted on the website. Thanks to the hard work of the F&R team the accounts had been presented to the Independent Examiners in record time. The Accounts are prepared on a cash basis (receipts and payments) and transactions are classified under headings. Additional notes were provided to explain references and the basis for cash reserves. The level of cash reserves has been approved by the Trustees and the Management Committee and represents approximately 6 months' expenditure. A simplified version of the Accounts was also provided.
8. **Special Resolution** to change the Object Clause following consultation with the Charity Commission. The Chairman proposed that the wording of the object clause be changed.

The Membership of the Aughton & Ormskirk U3A at the AGM on 14th June, 2018 adopted as its charitable objects in place of paragraph 3 of the Constitution dated 5th November, 2015, the wording agreed between the Third Age Trust and the Charity Commission in place of the existing object clause, namely

“THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE EDUCATION OF OLDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED FROM FULL TIME WORK, BY ALL MEANS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT”

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. a **Resolution 2** - Approval of the Accounts for 2017/18 which have been endorsed by our Independent Examiners. Carried unanimously.
- b **Resolution 3** – JVSA be appointed as the Independent Examiners of the Accounts for the year 2018/19. Carried unanimously.

10. There were no other motions received.

11. The Chairman thanked the retiring members of the Trustees and Management Committee for their contributions and commitment to the organization. Retiring as Trustees are **Jeff Roberts** who has contributed much within the U3A and in the wider Ormskirk community; **Ted Morrell**, who has been in the U3A since the beginning and has been our in-house expert on insurance matters and **Margaret Wiechers** whose technical expertise has helped bring our U3A into the 21st century.

The Constitution states that only 2 terms of 3 years can be served on the Management Committee so resignations have had to be accepted from **Dermot Glennon**, Minutes Secretary, who was commended for his timely and accurate recordings of meetings; **Ian Haskell**, Membership Secretary and Data Protection Officer, whose knowledge of the Constitution, commitment and attention to detail will be missed; **Dennis Morley**, Chair of Finance and Resources Committee who has resolved issues calmly and professionally and leaves us a sound system of financial records; **Gerry Latham**, Treasurer who, with the full support of the Management Committee and Trustees has succeeded in moving the financial system forward; **Pete Trigwell**, Vice Chairman, has been involved with many committees and his sound professionalism will be missed by many.

12. **Election of Trustees.** There are 3 vacancies and 4 candidates so a ballot was required. The candidates were Cathleen Barnes, Mia Faza, Pauline Jones and Sue Watkinson. The Chairman advised that the actual number of votes received by each candidate would not be disclosed. As Sue Watkinson was not able to attend the Chairman read the statements from all candidates.

The successful candidates were Pauline Jones, Mia Faza and Sue Watkinson. The Chairman extended his commiserations to Cathleen Barnes and thanked her for volunteering.

The Chairman thanked the tellers for their speed and efficiency and confirmed ballot papers would be destroyed.

13. **Election to the Management Committee.** Pamela Green was the only applicant and was elected to the Management Committee unanimously.

The Chairman confirmed that the Committee can still function without a full complement and there is a facility to co-opt members. If anyone is interested they should contact the Chairman, the Secretary or any Committee member.

14. **Questions/Open Forum/AOB.** On behalf of the Borough Council, Andrew Beeston, a member, congratulated and thanked all the U3A members who were involved in organizing and supporting the very successful War Horse walk arranged on a recent Bank Holiday.

15. **Chairman's closing remarks.** The Chairman reflected on another successful year and referred to his article in the latest magazine. He emphasized the need for us to look forward to the future rather than looking back to the past.

He thanked all the volunteers for their work.

The meeting closed at 12.12p.m.

16. **Date of next AGM Thursday 23rd May 2019**