



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the U3A Thames Valley Network held at Benson Parish Hall, OX10 6LZ on Friday 5th May 2017

Present:

Committee: Susie Berry, Chairman (Ridgeway); Avis Furness, Vice-Chairman (Reading); Agnes Budagowska, Treasurer (Swindon); Anne Marie Lord, Secretary (Chinnor & District); Len Smith, website support (Wokingham); Patsy Thornton, Events (Wokingham), Derek Randall (Thame & District), Gill Le Du (Henley).

Representatives: Fay Sinai (Abingdon), Norman and Esme Dutton (Banbury), Helen Tonks, Derek Jackson (Bracknell Forest), Ian and Josephine Wright (Carterton), Rosie Hetherington, Frances Wells (Chinnor & District), Chris Jones and Anne Holmes (Didcot and District), Peter Foot (Faringdon), Gillian Thomas, Ann Walsh, Bob Edwards (Goring Gap), Sandra Matthews, Christine Townsend, Mike Price, Ann Powell (Greater Thame), Jerry Michell (Haddenham), Sheila Allcock (Headington), Jean Myhill (Maidenhead), James Wright (Marlow & District), John Taylor (Newbury), Gillian Wilkinson and John Culling (Princes Risborough), Jane Sellwood and Mary Butcher (Reading), Pat Fewell, Angela Jacob, Annette Thompson (Ridgeway), Colin O'Rourke (South Bucks), Avril Muirhead (Swindon), Neil Kelly (Thameside, Wallingford), Mike Morphy, Jill Procter, Mike Morfey, Marilyn Dwer-Lynch (Wallingford), Joan Ford and Malcolm Wetherill (Wantage and Grove), John Smith (Wendover), Beverley Birmingham (West Oxford), John Wiggins (Windsor), Jane Clarke (Witney).

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed all present.

Apologies had been received from: Peter Metcalf (Chiltern), Elaine Parkes (Haddenham), Ann Partridge (Headington), Margaret Lipscomb (Oxford), Rosemary Rouse (Tring), Margaret Edmondson (Wallingford), Pam Rook (Woodstock). Hilvary Robinson (Regional Rep).

2. Minutes of the AGM of 29th April 2016 :

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Neil Kelly (Thameside, Wallingford) and agreed unanimously. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report:

4.1 Susie thanked Patsy for overseeing a programme of very interesting study days. She said more volunteers are needed to organise or help organise Study Days and Events as part of the Events Team.

4.2 Most of this year has been dominated by the proposed restructuring of the NEC with a further consultation meeting in March and the circulation of a Report by the Working Group. The idea of having a council below the NEC has been abandoned but it is suggested that the scope of sub-committees be broadened with membership to include U3A members with relevant expertise. There is a desire for more two-way contact between the Trust and Networks. The Report from the Working Group will be circulated with these minutes.

In response the following meetings are planned: in July a detailed Consultation Process report will be presented by the Working Group to the NEC, to include details of around 100 submissions from members. Once approved this will be available to members and will be placed in the Trust's archives for future reference.

A plenary session followed by questions and answers will take place during the AGM in August this year.

Revised Memorandum and Articles will be presented to members for approval at an EGM prior to the Trust's AGM in August 2018.

4.3 Several new member U3As have been welcomed this year.

5. Treasurer's Report:

5.1 Copies of the **U3A TVN Financial statement** for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 had been circulated. With many Study Days realising a surplus the Events team will be looking to set tighter budgets based on greater numbers of delegates. The current monies in hand are over £8000 including Event fees that are outstanding and £2000 contingency. Reserves should cover any Study days that show a deficit.

5.2 The question of refunds has also been addressed with Study Day organisers holding back the cheques for applicants on waiting lists.

5.3 No affiliation fees will be levied this year.

Susie thanked Agnes for maintaining and presenting the accounts throughout her term of office. Agnes retires as Treasurer at this AGM.

6. Elections of Officers and Committee members, as shown on the agenda:

Agnes Budagowska is retiring as Hon. Treasurer but offers herself for election as a committee member.

Anne Marie Lord retires as Hon. Secretary after three years but offers herself for re-election.

Derek Randall is proposed as Treasurer.

Gill Le Du retires after three years but offers herself for re-election.

Len smith retires after three years but offers himself for re-election.

The above were proposed to be elected en bloc by John Wiggins (Windsor), seconded and agreed by all present.

All other committee members continue in post.

7. Resolutions:

None received

8. AOB: Mike Price thanked the Committee on behalf of TVN.

Chairman..... Date

14/05/17