



FARINGDON & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Charity Number 1116311

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017 held on Thursday 13th April at 2.30pm at FARINGDON CORN EXCHANGE

(Throughout these minutes (P) indicates proposer and (S) indicates seconder)

The Chairman declared the meeting open and quorate with about 100 members in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Alison Thomson, Sheila Donovan, Jean Lawes, Sheila Rowan, Margaret and Geoff Brown, Julia and David Burn and Peter Foot.

2. MINUTES OF AGM 2016

The minutes were available to members both in hard copy format in the room and displayed on the screen. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. (P) Elizabeth Smith (S) Kay Byers and agreed *nem con*.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed that his report had been available on the website for the last few weeks and a draft had been included in the recent newsletter and the following is a summary of the matters he referred to during his report at this meeting:

- 11 general meetings had been held in the Corn Exchange with the speakers covering a wide range of topics. Most meetings used the Corn Exchange Projection and sound system, the latter being enhanced in November by the addition of two loudspeakers and a hearing loop.
- A meeting was held in May to thank group leaders and to welcome new members. This was attended by approximately 50 people.
- The summer lunch was held on August 4th and was excellent and well attended. The members attending were entertained by the Recorder Consort and the Ukulele group.
- The Open Day which was held on the 18th October was also well attended with a good turnout. The event was well publicised and on the day the newly acquired portable microphone and amplifier system helped draw people in from the Market Square. New members were enrolled bringing the total membership to a record high of 490.
- 90 members enjoyed a gloom-dispelling January Japes lunch on the 12th January.
- Improvements have continued to be made to the website and the Chairman emphasised the importance to us of using electronic mail and thanked the IT co-ordinator for his work in upgrading our systems.
- The Chairman emphasised the importance of interest groups and advised that 2 new groups have been started this year and that workshops had been held covering various subjects to encourage members to try out something new.



The Chairman ended his report by offering thanks to the committee for their support and hard work over the year and to the group leaders

5. REPORT FROM TREASURER

Copies of the Financial Report for Faringdon and District U3A for the year ending 31st December 2016 were available to the members and a copy is filed with these minutes. The Treasurer presented the accounts and commented that the increase in membership had resulted in an increase in income and that there was a surplus for the year of £2366.17.

The meeting was asked to approve the accounts. (P) Ken Bowley and (S) Elizabeth Smith and agreed *nem con*.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There was one member of the committee standing down – Ken Bowley. The Chairman thanked Ken for his many years of service and advised that he had been given a small gift in recognition of his work for the Faringdon U3A. The members in the room also offered their thanks to Ken for his service to our U3A with a round of applause.

Neal Cotton had offered to serve as a member of the committee to replace Ken Bowley and his application to do so had been proposed by Sue Cotton and seconded by Peter Smith.

Alison Thomson who has acted as Vice Chairman for the past year had advised that she would like to be replaced in this capacity and Margaret Brown had advised that she was happy to take on this role. Her application to be Vice Chairman was proposed by Geoff Brown and seconded by Simon Coe.

These two appointments were agreed *nem con*.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

The meeting was reminded that in accordance with the constitution it is necessary to reappoint the examiner of accounts each year and it was proposed that Mike Bathe would continue in this capacity. His appointment was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Elizabeth Smith and it was agreed *nem con*.

There was no other business

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2.51pm.