



FARINGDON & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Charity Number 1116311

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 held on Thursday 12th 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 95 members in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Alison Thomson, Shela Rowan, Gary Field, Val Hudspeth, David and Anna North, Dorothy and Charles Garrett and Jane Archer.

2. MINUTES OF AGM 2017

The minutes were available to members in hard copy format in the room and had been on the website for over two weeks. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. (P) Elizabeth Smith (S) Ken Bowley 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. The following is a summary of the matters he referred to during his report at this meeting:

- 12 general meetings had been held, 10 of which were at the Corn Exchange and 2 at the United Church when the floor of the Corn Exchange was being replaced.
- We have continued to develop the use of electronic communication and now about 85% of our members use this as the principal means of communication. Systems have been set up so that members can receive early notification of Thames Valley Network events and the committee is looking at the possibility of using the Third Age Trust's Beacon system which could assist in all aspects of membership, monitoring and managing our finances and supporting groups.
- Over the year some groups stopped running while others ceased but then restarted under new leadership. Other new ones have started and we have well over 40 groups. Workshops on specific topics have been held and we have featured in the Third Age Matters.
- A meeting was again held in May to thank group leaders and to welcome new members. This was attended by approximately 50 people and proved to be a useful way of introducing new members to what Faringdon U3A has to offer.
- An excellent summer lunch was held on August 3rd with 110 attending - a record number. The members were entertained by the Recorder Consort and the Ukulele group.

- The Open Day which was held on the 3rd October was well publicised and attracted a good number of visitors. New members were enrolled bringing the total membership to almost 500.
- Over a hundred members enjoyed a blues banishing January Japes lunch on the 12th January.
- The Chairman confirmed that this was his third and final report and he thanked all those who had contributed to the success of our U3A. He thanked the committee for their support and unfailing good humour and all those who helped and contributed to our U3A in order that it can offer all that it does.
- The Chairman confirmed that the Newsletter Editor was also standing down after 4 years and thanked her for her hard work in producing an attractive and informative document four times a year.
- The Chairman ended by saying that he had enjoyed his three years and offered his successor every good wish for the future.

5. REPORT FROM TREASURER

Copies of the Financial Report for Faringdon and District U3A for the year ending 31st December 2017 were available to the members in the room and a copy is filed with these minutes. The Treasurer presented the accounts and advised that we had ended the year with a surplus of £823. He confirmed that most income came from subscriptions and gift aid which this year brought in £1400. He thanked Ricky Cunningham for developing a program which enabled the gift aid monies to be recovered much more simply and quickly.

The Treasurer advised that we had closed a savings account with Barclays and moved this to Lloyds. He also confirmed that Lloyds were closing the Faringdon Branch on 23rd June but that this would be replaced by a mobile bank which should be adequate.

The meeting was asked to approve the accounts which they did *nem con*.

6. Amendment to the Object Clause of the Constitution

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Third Age Trust had been in discussion with the Charity Commissioners in respect of changing the wording of the Object Clause in the Constitution of all UK U3As to ensure that their activities both now and in the future would comply with Charity Commissioners requirements. A paper was presented to the meeting explaining this proposed change. A copy of this paper is attached to these Minutes.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Committee was unanimous in supporting that we amend the wording of our Object Clause.

The Chairman asked the meeting for a show of hands in support of this proposed change and the vote was unanimous. The Object Clause has therefore been changed.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As the Chairman was standing down, it was necessary to elect a new Chairman. Margaret Brown had offered to take on the position and her nomination was proposed by Geoff Brown and seconded by Simon Coe. The meeting approved her appointment *nem con*.



As Margaret had been the Vice Chairman it was necessary to elect a new Vice Chairman. Alison Thomson had offered to take on this role and this was proposed by Simon Coe and seconded by Gloria Zentler Munro.

With the Chairman's retirement there was a need for another committee member. Danielle Mills had offered to serve on the committee and her nomination was proposed by Margaret Brown and seconded by Shela Rowan.

The other members of the Committee had offered to continue.

These two appointments and the reappointment of the remainder of the committee was put to the meeting and agreed *nem con*.

A presentation was made by Peter Robinson a member of the Committee to thank both Peter and Elizabeth for their work and Peter was presented with some wine and Elizabeth with a bouquet of flowers. The members showed their appreciation of all that they had done with a round of applause.

8. 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 Nigel Wilkinson and seconded by Peter Smith and it was agreed *nem con*.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The Retiring Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2.50pm and handed over to the new Chairman to introduce the speaker for the afternoon lecture.