



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting of West Wolds U3A At the Festival Hall, Market Rasen on Thursday, 08 November 2018

1. Apologies were received from: Mandy Murphy

2. The minutes of the 19th AGM held on 9 November 2017 were approved.

Proposed by Bryan Storey and seconded by Sheila Nash

3. Adoption of the 2017 AGM Minutes

The WW U3A membership voted agreement for the minutes of the 2017 (19th) AGM to be adopted as a true record.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Steve McCarthy spoke of his second year as having been quite challenging with pressures from U3A national Office and the Charity Commission asking us to ensure our governance is solid and our finances are in good shape. He said that the Committee has been very supportive and we have worked as a team to continue to deliver the organisation that you want. There have been disappointments, he wished more people would be prepared to take on roles developing new groups or stand for the Committee. On a positive note our numbers continue to grow as does our reputation with our members and other U3As in the area. We are seen as being innovative, positive and successful.

Our finances for the coming year are sufficient but we need to budget carefully to maintain our viability and we now have a projection of income and expenditure for the next financial year which will help us plan for the future. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to David Oliver who has held several posts on the committee and given 6 years of service; Ken Howitt is standing down after many years managing the groups and has seen the number of groups grow to 50; and Paul Davison who has been responsible for managing our archives and digitising 20 years of documents. He went on to thank all the members of the Committee for their hard work and also the greeters at the general meetings and the catering volunteers for our teas and coffees. Finally he thanked the membership for being there and for turning up at the groups and monthly meetings.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Shelley Franklin, stated that West Wolds U3A is a registered charity and the Committee Members are Trustees of the charity and the Committee takes this responsibility seriously. We agree an annual budget and this is monitored regularly and decisions on how to spend the charity's money are discussed and approved at committee meetings. Our income and expenditure was for the most part in line with expectations. The Treasurer thanked Brian Storey for examining the accounts and for the help he had given her in her first year as Treasurer. Every year we have to report our finances to the Charity Commission and previously this was our income and expenditure from our main account but now we have been advised that we are required to report all income and expenditure, including day trips, holidays and our interest groups. We have now developed a finance policy with guidelines on how Group Convenors should deal with members' money and we now ask for a financial summary at the end of the year. Thank you to all Group Convenors for the work they do in this regard.

In conclusion, the Treasurer reassured the meeting that the accounts are in good order and the Committee is meeting their responsibilities as Trustees of the Charity.

The proposal to accept the 2017/18 annual accounts was made by Barry Dukes and seconded by Jacqueline Reid. A vote of the members was taken, with all in agreement.

6. AGM Resolution

The meeting unanimously voted to accept our existing Object Clause.

7. Election of WW U3A Committee

The meeting was asked to vote for the Committee enblock and the vote to elect the Committee was unanimous.

8. Election of Examiner of Accounts

The members unanimously supported Steve Field as examiner of our finances for 2018/19.

Proposed by David Kew and seconded by David Newman

9. Date of 2019 AGM

The date of the 21st AGM will be on 14 November 2019

P A Crooks – Business Secretary to West Wolds U3A - 8 November 2018