

Keyworth & District U3A
Minutes of the Tenth AGM Meeting
held on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019
at
KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 14:30hrs

Present: Robin Wilcockson (Chair), Jackie Fisher (Secretary), Stuart Bailey (Treasurer), and plus 105 members.

1. Apologies for absence: Jennifer and Don Anderson, Clare and Neil Franklin, Vic Taylor.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 24th April 2018: Approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising: None.

4. Resolutions: None.

5. Chairman's Report: It has been yet another very positive year for our U3A. At year end we had 541 members, and 45 interest groups, indicating a continuing substantial presence in our local communities. The sheer numbers are impressive, but more importantly, what lies behind them is so much life enhancement for so many of our individual members.

Groups are very much at the heart of our U3A, where a deeper personal interest is shared and developed. The roles of those who lead groups continues to be much valued, together with the supportive role of Peter Harding as groups coordinator, together with assistance from Jean Hogg.

Monthly Meetings provide occasions for a broader communal togetherness. Inevitably we are not always quite sure to expect from the topic, but we have had some really excellent ones. So well done to Anne Townsend for developing the programme, liaising with speakers, and with speakers already arranged until well into 2020.

To cope with our numbers growth over recent years, the past year has seen a number of new developments, with Howard Fisher as Membership Secretary having a major role in these. As projected at our last AGM, our communications have evolved, with the monthly eNewsletters now enabling timely information on our various forthcoming events and activities. A printed Annual Review has largely filled the gap of reports on group activities which used to appear in our former quarterly newsletter. A bar-coded plastic membership card should now have ongoing benefits including much easier attendance registering at monthly meetings.

The year has been notable for special occasions. The Christmas event was a magical performance of 'A Christmas Carol' by the Bridge Singers. Most particularly it was in February our tenth anniversary since our inaugural U3A meeting back in 2009, which we then celebrated in March with our commemorative 'Now We Are Ten' event, wonderfully enjoyed, with a whole range of our Interest Groups putting on displays and performances and showing superbly creative talents. The New Horizons Team admirably supported both these occasions, in addition to having organised another excellent year of well received visits and events.

Within the committee much happens behind the scenes to help all these activities run smoothly. My personal thanks to the committee for all their teamwork contributions throughout this past year – Jackie for her secretarial skills, Stuart for his careful stewardship of our Finances, Peter Edge for his regional links and his continuing management of our highly regarded website, Sue for her New Horizons liaison, and Roy for his magnificent implementing of the Beacon system. Thanks too to Kath Oakley now retiring from the committee after some ten years of involvements, recently as Publicity Secretary. Jean Hogg as Vice-Chairman has been most supportive to the committee, and our congratulations to her on being elected as Regional Trustee for U3A in the East Midlands, and therefore our regional representative on the national body, the 'Third Age Trust'. Beyond all the official committee and leadership roles, it is always most impressive that, reflecting the U3A self-help ethos, people are so willing to just help out with all the many other activities that just keep things going – the 'techies', welcomers, refreshment helpers etc etc.

External influences continue to be dealt with, including further data protection requirements and meeting all our Charities Commission requirements. Our thanks to all members and group leaders for your courteous forbearance while implementing such developments.

All in all, I believe it has been another very positive and beneficial year for our U3A, and it has been a privilege to continue to serve for a second year as your chairman.

6. Treasurer's report and adoption of the accounts: Stuart Bailey presented the accounts, which had been examined by Robin Stocker, and briefly explained them. Despite a decrease in income this year, the subscription for 2019-20 would stay at £15, but may have to increase the following year. Stuart thanked Robin Stocker for his work on the accounts. Proposed Jenny Greaves and seconded Bill Cooper.

7. Appointment of the examiner of the accounts: Robin Stocker agreed to continue as account examiner. Proposed Ken Doyle and seconded Pat Murfet and approved

8. Appointment of Honorary Officers and Committee Members:

Chair Robin Wilcockson.

Vice-chair Jean Hogg.

Secretary Jackie Fisher.

Treasurer Stuart Bailey. All the above have been proposed and seconded and were elected en bloc. Proposed Pat Murfet and seconded Graham Payne.

Committee Peter Edge, Howard Fisher, Anne Townsend, Sue O'Donoghue, Peter Harding, Roy Turnbull and Jennifer Anderson have been proposed and seconded and were elected en bloc. Proposed Jenny Greaves and seconded Gill Wilcockson.

9. Closure of meeting: Robin closed the meeting at 14.49