

BOOKHAM AND DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held in The Old Barn Hall on Tuesday 3rd October 2017

1. **Chairman's Welcome** The Chairman, Lynn Farrell, opened the meeting at 2.30 pm and welcomed new and existing members.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

These were received from:-

Alma and Graham Nicholls, Cassie Walters, Pamela Sexton, Patricia Hunter, Edmund and Beryl Morgan-Warren.

3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 6th October 2016**

These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposer: Dolf Arnold

Secunder: Michael Anderson

4. **Matters Arising**

There were none.

5. **Chairman's Annual Report**

Lynn gave the Chairman's report in which she thanked the committee members for their hard work, and she also thanked those who held positions not on the committee, but who made such a difference to the smooth running of the monthly meetings. She also thanked all the Group Leaders for their contribution to our U3A. Lynn had enjoyed her first year in office immensely, particularly as it gave her the opportunity to visit groups and meet so many members. The membership at present stands at 581, and with no waiting list it continues to increase monthly. One of the large tasks is to organise the membership renewals and Lynn thanked Pam Hyde for all her hard work in sorting this. Two very successful social events were held last year, and Lynn thanked Jan Dicker for organising these, particularly as Jan had hoped to step down as social events organiser, but no-one had come forward to replace her. Maurice Baker had continued to edit Senior Moments and had been pleased with the variety of articles being provided by the membership. He had also produced excellent calendars showcasing the talent of the artists in the U3A. Lynn highlighted the excellent work that Harold Reglar has done in looking after the website, membership database, and sending out a monthly e-newsletter. Harold has been looking at various different systems to bring our U3A forward into the 21st century, however he has decided that it is now time for someone else with IT experience to take on the task. He is willing to support anyone who is computer literate and feels able to take on the role. Lynn went on to say that her one regret this year has been the lack of members willing to take on responsibilities, either by serving on the committee or by organising outings for members. In particular, a new webmaster is urgently required – a task that could be shared amongst two or more members, and also someone willing to take over from Jan to organise social events. Lynn said that volunteers were needed from the membership in order to keep our U3A growing and continuing to be a vibrant organisation.

6. Treasurer's Report

Chris Pullan reported on the accounts (attached)

He ended with a note of caution, that next year will see an increase in speakers costs and possibly new IT systems. With that in mind he asked for a mandate to allow the committee to increase subscriptions next year as it finds necessary, by a maximum of £3. The mandate was approved by the members present.

Chris thanked Irene Gawne for auditing the accounts. The accounts were adopted.

Proposer : Neil Carter Seconder : Jim Simpson

7. Appointment of Examiner

Irene Gawne was asked to continue as Examiner.

Proposer: Chris Pullan Seconder : John Dicker

8. Election of Committee

The Principal Officer: Gillian Arnold-Secretary, and Elected Members:

Pam Hyde -Membership Secretary, Frank Cross-Speakers Secretary,

Peter Clarke-Minutes Secretary, Mike Farrell-Groups Co-ordinator,

David Hyde-Assistant Groups Co-ordinator

have all served their term in office and were willing to stand again.

It was agreed to vote en bloc for these committee members.

Proposer: Eileen Bedford Seconder: Neil Carter

The committee members were then elected en bloc.

Proposer: Ruth Blood Seconder; Frances Fancourt

Co-opted members: Maurice Baker - Newsletter, and Jan Dicker - Social Secretary, are willing to continue in role but a new Social Secretary will be required before the next AGM as Jan would like to step down.

Harold Reglar stood down as Webmaster. The position is vacant and members were asked to think about taking on this important role.

9. Any Other Business

Lynn announced that following on from a request to rename Senior Moments, only one other name had been put forward which was SWIFT. Following a show of hands from the floor, the membership voted unanimously to keep the name Senior Moments.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.53 pm.