

Glossop U3A

Registered Charity Number – 1091836

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Bradbury House on September 17th 2015.

- 1. Introduction and Apologies.** The Chairman welcomed 55 members to the meeting. There were apologies from Committee members Sylvia Rogerson and Norma Hayden. Also there were apologies from 15 other members.
- 2. Minutes of last AGM Meeting.** Alan Conchie proposed that the minutes of the last AGM held on September 25th 2014, be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Norma Wright and agreed by all present.
- 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman said that he would like to clarify the rules regarding events held by U3A members in aid of other charities. Sylvia Rogerson has emailed the National Office to ask whether it is legal for a group to raise money for another charity. Linda Hodson, of the Third Age Trust replied that a one off donation to a charity at the request of a speaker, or a small fundraising event is acceptable. It must be a local charity and clearly stated that all monies will go directly to the charity and no money must go into a U3A bank account. The Chairman added that it should first go before the committee for approval and meet with all these conditions. All present agreed.
- 5. Secretary's Report.** Nothing further to add to her report. The Chairman thanked the Secretary for all the work done on the group reports.
- 6. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts.** The Treasurer gave everyone a copy of the Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending August 31st 2015. The accounts are to demonstrate the proper management of your money by the committee. Our examiner, Joyce Bunting, has checked and approved them. We are a registered charity and are bound by their rules and regulations, however they have no interest in our social events. Maureen said she would like to thank the social and group organisers for all their hard work and for submitting their accounts promptly. The total income for the year was £3,511 and expenditure was £2,695 meaning we are in credit. Maureen thanked group leaders for the promptness of their financial reports. It is policy that all group financial statements are available to members, even those with nil returns have to produce a statement. We now have 41 groups. Norma Wright asked how long can group leaders hold money and Maureen said that any money exceeding £50 should be paid into the U3A bank as money over this amount is not covered by insurance when held at a member's house. Barbara Connah asked how to get money out of the account and was told to ask Maureen and she would issue a cheque. The Treasurer asked could the accounts be accepted. This was proposed by Rita France and seconded by David Woods, all present agreed. Maureen then thanked Barbara Connah, Norma Hewitt, John Searle, and Barbara Roberts, for helping with the weekly cheques in her absence, and to Joyce Bunting for examining the accounts. She also gave a big thank you for all the good wishes, cards and flowers she has received. The Chairman gave an official thank you to Maureen for all her work with the accounts. Also to all the trip and group leaders and all the people who work so hard to keep the U3A going.
- 7. Annual Fees** The Chairman said that the capitation fees for the Third Age Trust are going up by 50p per person. The Glossop U3A will have to put up our membership fees by an extra £1 from £8 to £9 to cover this and other sundry expenses, starting September 2016. This was agreed by all present.
- 8. Membership Secretary's Report** There are now 389 members and so far 265 members have paid their membership fees. Maureen, the membership secretary, thanked everyone for their prompt payment.
- 9. Group Co-ordinators Report.** There is nothing to report.
- 10. Election of Officers and Committee.** Barbara Connah is stepping down as assistant treasurer and also Maureen Hobson. Our Treasurer Maureen Brierley, has done 4 years therefore should step

down. The Chairman asked whether anyone present would offer to be Treasurer and as nobody did Maureen could be re-elected for another year after a vote by the members present. This was agreed by all members present, then also agreed by the committee.

Barbara Roberts was re-elected as Secretary.

Doreen Ball was elected as Assistant Treasurer.

Barbara Connah was elected as a Committee member.

Clive Littlewood was elected as a Committee member.

There was no need for a vote as the meeting agreed unanimously on the election of all the nominees.

11. **Any Other Business.** May Southall, who runs the tea and coffee bar, said that she urgently needs more volunteers to help, otherwise it may have to close, and reminded everyone that the money raised goes to the Welfare fund.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10-50 a.m.

Barbara Roberts (Committee Secretary)