

## Glossop U3A

Registered Charity Number - 1091836

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Bradbury House on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2017

- 1. Introduction and Apologies.** The Chairman welcomed 92 members to the meeting. There were apologies from several U3A members.
- 2. Minutes of last AGM meeting.** Rita France proposed that the minutes of the last AGM held on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Hazel Oldham.
- 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chairman's Report.** Barbara said that this has been a busy year for the Committee and she is grateful to the members of the Committee for their tremendous cooperation and helpfulness in solving problems that have cropped up. She thanked the many group leaders for their work during the year. As the year comes to a close we will be very sorry to see the departure of Barbara Roberts who has been an excellent Business Secretary. She also wished to thank Maureen Brierley who, in addition to her skills as Treasurer has an excellent recall of all past decisions.
- 5. Secretary's Report.** Nothing further to add to her report. The Chairman thanked her for her work on the Group Reports.
- 6. Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer gave everyone a copy of the Financial Accounts for the financial year ending August 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. This is to inform members of how the U3A has used their money. The Committee, as Trustees, has responsibility for proper use of the money. The Charity Commission is only interested in educational, not social, objectives. Social activities though, are a major part of the finances and the Treasurer would like to thank all the organisers for their hard work and delivering their accounts promptly. The Treasurer also thanked the Group leaders for getting accounts in early and said that all group members should see the financial statement of their group and that it should be countersigned by another member of the group. Any money exceeding £50 should be put in the U3A bank where it will be credited to that group. We have had 38 groups meeting this year. The total income for the year was £3,884 and expenditure £2,990. With the closure of the HSBC's branch and the difficulty banking at the Post Office, the committee decided to bank at the NATWEST and this was completed in September and the Treasurer wanted to thank Barbara Connah for all her help. She also thanked the committee for their support, bookkeeper Norma Hewitt, assistant treasurer Barbara Craven and Joyce Bunting for her examination of the accounts. Joyce has checked the accounts and found that they show a true picture of the U3A's financial position therefore the Treasurer asked could the accounts be accepted. Robert Rickard proposed that they be accepted and Beatrice Eaton seconded it. This was agreed by all present.
- 7. Membership Secretary's Report.** Nothing to add to the Annual Group report.
- 8. Group Co-ordinator's Report.** Nothing to add to the Annual Group report.
- 9. Election of Officers and Committee.** Our Treasurer has done 5 years therefore should stand down. The Chairman asked whether anyone present would offer to be Treasurer. As nobody did, Maureen could be re-elected after a vote by members. This was agreed by all and then by the committee. Barbara Roberts has done 4 years and is now stepping down, Hilary Clayton, who is on the Committee, has put herself forward for the post of Secretary, and Brigette Manchee for the post of committee member. There was no need for a vote as the meeting agreed unanimously on the election of all nominees.

Chair Barbara Connah.

Secretary Hilary Clayton.

Deputy Chair Sharon Hamshere.

Treasurer Maureen Brierley.

Assistant Treasurer Barbara Craven.

Group Co-ordinator. Carol Littlewood.

Membership Secretary. Clive Littlewood.

Committee Members. Hazel Oldham, Joyce Bunting, Glyn Connah, Chris Blacket, Brigitte Manchee

**10. Any Other Business.**

- a. As the core U3A has not had any large expenditure, and has not given any starter grants this year, we have a good reserve of money, therefore there is no need to put up subscriptions for the coming year.
- b. The Welfare Committee has asked many times for volunteers to help and as none have been forthcoming they feel they need to step down as they have done the job for many years. David Wood, the Committee Chairman, said that the U3A is very much larger now than when the Welfare group first started. There were suggestions as to how it could carry on, such as each group look after their own members, have a Welfare Group coordinator, or just send out cards and nothing else. The Welfare Group is completely separate from the U3A but Maureen said that everyone in the U3A is automatically in the Welfare group, and it takes 21 days notice to dissolve it. Therefore it is suggested that there is a special AGM of the Welfare Group, open to all, on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> (coffee morning)
- c. The Chairlady said that everything relies on people getting involved, and asked more people to volunteer to help. Shirley Kirk proposed a "Thank you" to Barbara.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10-40 a.m.

Barbara Roberts ( Committee Secretary )