

**Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of York U3A  
held on 15th November 2014 at 11.40 a.m.  
at the Friends' Meeting House, Friargate, York**

85 members were present and 10 apologies for absence had been received.

**1. Welcome**

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, John Goodsir.

**2. Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 16th November 2013**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 16th November 2013, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. Monica Ivey proposed and Gordon Ritchie seconded that they be received and signed as a correct record.

**3. Annual Report**

John Goodsir reported that the York branch continues to thrive with a membership of around 1,500 members, and the annual subscription represents good value for money.. He said that the branch is indebted to all committee members, group leaders and the many volunteers who work behind the scenes and he thanked them all for their loyalty, commitment and support. He then thanked David Miller and Margaret Bland who are stepping down as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer respectively, and he passed on best wishes to David for a speedy recovery.

John said that we have continued over the past year to benefit from the Henry Mills fund, a large part of which was used to help the Friends refurbish their premises. This has benefited us, with the use of a suite of rooms on the ground floor and improved kitchen and toilet facilities. John thanked especially the gardening team whose work around the building is much appreciated.

During the last year the branch celebrated its 25th anniversary, and we continue to offer challenging and interesting activities. John ended his report by saying that we are constantly looking for new volunteers to ensure that the branch continues in the future as successfully as it has done over the past twenty-five years.

**4. Annual Accounts**

John Goodsir explained that the committee had decided to ask a professional firm of accountants to examine the annual accounts instead of finding an independent examiner from our members. The workload of the accountants who have been instructed is such that the examination has not yet been completed. As soon as the work has been finished, members will be informed via the newsletter. John said that the branch's finances are in a very healthy state and the level of subscriptions for the current year remains at £15.

Copies of the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st August 2014 had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Margaret Bland, Treasurer, reported that £50,000 from the Henry Mills Fund was given to the Friends as part of the cost of refurbishment of the building. Other demands on the Henry Mills Fund have been less than expected during the past year, and a sum equivalent to £2 per member has been transferred to the general fund. The amount in the general fund now equates to approximately the total annual expenditure, and the branch's reserves policy is to retain at least an amount equivalent to half the year's expenditure.

Margaret then answered questions from the floor on the accounts, and acceptance of the unaudited accounts was then proposed by John Bourne and seconded by Priscilla Roxburgh. Thanks were recorded to Margaret for her work as Treasurer.

**5. Election of Officers**

Sheila Wilson was nominated for the post of Treasurer (proposed by John Goodsir and seconded by Jean Haywood) and was duly elected.

**6. Election of Committee Members**

A nomination had been received for Robina Clayphan to be elected to the Committee as Newsletter Editor (proposed by Carolyn Jaques and seconded by Alan Hawley) and was duly elected. Joan Stoney had intended to stand down as Groups Co-ordinator, having completed three years in the post, but the person who had hoped to replace her had had to withdraw her application, and Joan agreed to continue on a temporary basis.

Elizabeth Dobie has stepped down as Social Secretary and a team comprising Michael Cruchley and Peter Jarman will organise the Saturday morning talks although will not be committee members..

## **7. Any Other Business**

No requests for any other business had been received.

A presentation was made to Anne Ryder who has acted leader of the Flower Arranging group for the past ten years.

On behalf of the members, Monica Nelson thanked the committee members for their work during the past year, and the meeting ended at 12.00.