



**Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of York U3A
held on 21st November 2015 at 11.40 a.m.
at The Hilton Hotel, Tower Street, York**

98 members were present and four apologies for absence had been received.

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, John Goodsir.

2. Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held on 15th November 2014

The Minutes of the AGM held on 15th November 2014, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. Elizabeth Dobie proposed and Beryl Kinder 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 120 courses and activities and around 1,600 members, many of whom are loyal and committed. 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 work and support. Special thanks were given to Brian Joscelyne, Alan Hawley and David Copeland, who are stepping down as Membership Secretary, IT Manager and Publicity Officer respectively.

John said that we have continued over the past year to benefit from the Henry Mills fund, and we have signed a long term rental contract with the Friends at a good rate.

There is constantly a need to find new helpers and John encouraged members to volunteer to ensure that the branch continues in the future as successfully as it has done over the past twenty-six years.

John ended his report by saying that in past years we have relied on one of our members to conduct an independent examination of the accounts, but this year the outside firm who did this last year was again appointed. The branch's finances are in a healthy state and the subscription level will remain unchanged.

4. Annual Accounts

Copies of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st August 2015 had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Sheila Wilson, Treasurer, reported that income in the general account was around £36k during the last financial year, with expenditure approximately £31k, producing a surplus of £4,831 which was similar to last year's figure. The sum of £5,992 was spent from the Henry Mills Fund. The cash position is therefore healthy, with £24k held in the general fund for contingency purposes. It is planned to spend over the next five years the £26k remaining in the Henry Mills Fund. Sheila confirmed that the accounts have been signed off by an outside firm of accountants and there are currently no plans to raise subscriptions for the next couple of years.

Questions from the floor on the accounts were then invited, and acceptance of the audited accounts was proposed by Colin Sherwood, seconded by Carolyn Jaques and agreed by the meeting. Thanks were recorded to Sheila for her work as Treasurer.

5. Election of Officers

John Goodsir was nominated for the post of Chairman (proposed by Elizabeth Dobie and seconded by Jean Haywood) and was duly elected.

6. Election of Committee Members

Nominations had been received for Carolyn Jaques to be re-elected to the Committee as Office Co-ordinator (proposed by Veronica Copley and seconded by Gill Brian), Joanne Day to be elected as Membership Secretary (proposed by Brian Joscelyne and seconded by Alan Hawley), Ruth Manser and Rosemary Kitchman to be elected as sharing the job of Groups Co-ordinator (proposed by John Goodsir and seconded by Jean Haywood), and Doreen Magill to be elected as IT/AV Equipment Co-ordinator (proposed by Brian Joscelyne and seconded by Robina Clayphan). All these people were duly elected en bloc to the Committee.

7. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

It was agreed that Hunter Gee Holroyd be re-appointed for the next financial year.

8. Any Other Business

No requests for any other business had been received, but one member paid tribute to Joan Stoney for her past work as Groups Co-ordinator. In reply, Joan said that no-one works in isolation and she thanked the committee and other members with whom she has worked.

A presentation was made to Ian Robertson who has acted as leader of the Philosophy group for the past ten years.

The meeting ended at 12.00.