

**Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting of York U3A  
held on 19th November 2016 at 11.40 a.m.  
at The Friends' Meeting House, Friargate**

74 members were present and five apologies for absence had been received.

**1. Welcome**

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, John Goodsir.

**2. Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting held on 21st November 2015**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 21st November 2015, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. Alwyn Taylor proposed and Priscilla Roxburghe 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, and he felt that the current membership fee of £17 represents value for money. He said that the branch is indebted to all committee members, group leaders and the many volunteers – office volunteers, the Saturday morning team and the gardeners - who work behind the scenes and he thanked them all for their work and support. Special thanks were given to Brian Joscelyne for his work done on our new website, and to Anne Allison, our cashier.

We have continued over the past year to benefit from the Henry Mills fund, and we have benefitted from the long term contract with the Friends at a very favourable rate for the use of refurbished rooms.

John voiced his confidence that we will continue to play an important role for the older and retired population in the city as we offer interesting and challenging activities for our members to enjoy. He emphasized that there is constantly a need to find new group leaders and helpers, and he encouraged members to volunteer to ensure that the branch continues to be as effective and exciting as it has done over the past twenty-seven years.

**4. Annual Accounts**

Copies of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2016 had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Sheila Wilson, Treasurer, reported that income in the general account was around £41k during the last financial year, higher than the previous year mainly due to the increase in membership fees. Expenditure was approximately £31.5k, very similar to the previous year's figures, mainly due to more members receiving information, such as the newsletter on line. The surplus was £9,455 which is an increase on last year's figure. The sum of £5,615 was spent from the Henry Mills Fund. The cash position is therefore healthy, with £34k held in the general fund for contingency purposes. It is planned to spend over the next four years the £20k remaining in the Henry Mills Fund. Sheila confirmed that the accounts are being independently examined by an outside firm of accountants and next year the subscriptions will remain at the current level. Sheila recorded her thanks to Brian Frodsham and Anne Allison for their help in looking after the branch's finances.

There were no questions from the floor on the accounts. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Carolyn Jaques, seconded by Colin Henderson and agreed by the meeting. Thanks were recorded to Sheila for her work as Treasurer.

**5. Resolution to change the financial year end**

Members had previously been notified that at the meeting they would be invited to vote on the resolution that the financial year end be changed from 31st August to 31st July and that the constitution of York U3A be amended accordingly. A paragraph explaining the reason for this change had been included in the latest newsletter. The meeting voted unanimously to accept this resolution (proposed by Brian Joscelyne and seconded by Anna Baldwin).

**6. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Jean Haywood was nominated for the post of Secretary (proposed by Carolyn Jaques and seconded by Joanne Day) and was duly elected.

Nominations had been received for John Powderley to be elected as Newsletter Editor (proposed by Brian Joscelyne and seconded by Joanne Day) and Alison Holmes to be elected to the Committee as joint Groups Co-ordinator (proposed by Brian Frodsham and seconded by Brian Joscelyne). Brian Joscelyne had been nominated for a new committee position of Communications Officer (proposed by Joanne Day and seconded by Jean Haywood). All these people were duly elected en bloc to the Committee.

**7. Any Other Business**

No requests for any other business had been received. A presentation was made to Eileen Goodrum and John Hopton who have acted as leaders of the Spanish and Geology groups respectively for the past ten years.

The meeting ended at 12.00.