

**Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting of York U3A
held on 14th October 2017 at 11.40 a.m.
at Central Methodist Church Hall, St. Saviourgate, York**

82 members were present and ten apologies for absence had been received.

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, John Goodsir.

2. Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the AGM held on 19th November 2016, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. John Jessop proposed and Carolyn Jaques 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 130 courses and activities and around 1,700 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 who has greatly improved communication. We have continued over the past year to benefit from the Henry Mills fund. 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-eight years.

4. Annual Accounts

Copies of the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2017 had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Sheila Wilson, Treasurer, reported that our finances are in a very healthy state, which is allowing our subscriptions to remain at the same level as at present. Income in the general account was around £42,500, slightly higher than the previous year, mainly because most of our income comes from subscriptions and the number of members has increased. Expenditure for the year, around £29,700, had slightly decreased but, because of the change in the financial year end, the figures cover an eleven month period. At the end of the financial year there was a healthy surplus of around £12,770, which is a good cushion to help us with any future expenses that might arise. There remains a further three years' funding from the money received from the Henry Mills legacy and Sheila confirmed that there is no expectation in raising subscriptions in the near future.

Sheila confirmed that the accounts are being independently examined by an outside firm of accountants and thanks were recorded to her for her work as Treasurer.

There were no questions from the floor on the accounts. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Brian Frodsham, seconded by David Maughan-Brown and agreed by the meeting.

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Sheila Wilson was nominated for the post of Treasurer (proposed by Joanne Day and seconded by Rosemary Kitchman) and was duly elected.

Paul Howarth was nominated for the post of IT/AV Co-ordinator (proposed by Joanne Day and seconded by Rosemary Kitchman) and was duly elected to the Committee.

6. Any Other Business

No requests for any other business had been received. A presentation was made to Peter White who has been an office volunteer for the past ten years. Ten year service awards will also be made to office volunteers Jim Cooper and Priscilla Schlicke and to group leader Roger King, none of whom was able to be present at the meeting.

The meeting ended at 12.00.