

# Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh at 2p,m.

Present: as per membership secretary's signing in sheet

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking the assembled members for attending.

1. Apologies for absence

Pam Green, Heather & John Meggison, Carolyn Chittock, Jean O'Rourke, Carol Hardy, Val Rya", Heather Moore & Paula Whittle.

2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at The Grange Community Centre had been circulated & published on the web site.

The minutes were signed as being correct on a proposal by Veronica Palmer and seconded by Barry Friend. All were in favour.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. The report of the executive Committee was given by the Chair Linda Stringer Copies of the report are available on request.

5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Steve Yates, Treasurer advised this was his third and last report since being elected Treasurer. As in previous years a summary of the Main and Social Accounts has been placed on each of the chairs. The report this time ending at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The format has been amended & is I hope easier to understand.

This past year the Primary Account balances have been reduced by about €800 in line with my budget. During the May committee meeting the cash reserves were discussed in depth and we considered that they must be reduced further. This can only be done under the conditions set out by our Constitution. Recently Head office has issued new financial guidelines, one section of which is in regard to excess reserves held by U3A's. Under these guidelines they have suggested that regime can be implemented whereby the membership fees can be reduced over a period of time. This will be reflected in the proposed fees for 2020-21 which will be advised to you later.

I have enjoyed my time as treasurer and would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone, including the Committee for their assistance.

Main Account

The main — the account closed showing the balance as distributed on the attached sheet. Social Account

This is purely a holding account and is used for theatre trips & social gatherings that are open to all members.

6. To receive the report of the Social Secretary and Group Co-ordinator

Due to ill health the group co-ordinator was unable to present this report.



In the absence of the Social secretary Pam Green — the secretary read her prepared report. A copy of the report is available on request.

7. Election of Officers of the Executive Committee:

Gillian Lilleker took the chair for the election of the Chairman.

Election of Chairman:

It was proposed by Lyn Farrow and seconded by Angela Bartlett that Bob Farrow be elected Chairman for the coming year. The motion was carried.

The new Chairman then took the chair for the remaining nominations.

Election of Vice Chairman:

It was proposed by Ann Clark-Overy and seconded by Steve Barnes that Jane Gee be elected Vice Chairman for the following year. The motion was carried.

Election of Secretary:

It was proposed by Carolyn Chittock and seconded by Carol Hardy that Gillian Lilleker be elected as secretary for the coming year. The motion was carried.

Election of Treasurer:

It was proposed by John Meggison and seconded by Susan Neil that Roy Gunn be elected as treasurer. The motion was carried.

8. Election of trustees to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 2019/20

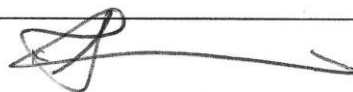
The following nominations had been received for the trustee vacancies:

Doreen Brown	Proposed by Joan Hanscomb seconded by Jane Green
Jackie Colson	Proposed by Steve Barnes seconded by John Gambardella
Doug Colson	Proposed by Steve Barnes seconded by John Gambardella
Pam Green	Proposed by Linda Cornell seconded by Jane Simpson
John Meggison	Proposed by Ann Clark-Overy seconded by Ann Newman
Susan Neil	Proposed by Edna Webb seconded by Ann Newman
Veronica Palmer	Proposed by Keith Hodgson seconded by Hilary Hodgson
John Palmer	Proposed by Keith Hodgson seconded by Hilary Hodgson
Ann Rawlinson	Proposed by Ian Haynes seconded by Geoff Kittle
Peta Turner	Proposed by Ann Clark-Overy seconded by Geoff Kittle

All post holders to be appointed by the trustees at the first meeting.

The retiring Chair made presentations to retiring committee members:

Steve Yates	Retiring treasurer thanking him for his good work.
Mark Wiseman	Retiring website editor thanking him for his good work.
Ian Springall	Retiring group co-ordinator thanking him for his good work
Jill & Phil Cogger	Retiring membership secretaries thanking them for all their good work.



Jane Gee then made presentations to Linda & Cyril Springer retiring committee members thanking them for their work over the past years.

9. To debate any motions submitted by members:

No motions for debate had been received by the closing date.

10. Subscriptions for 2020/21:

The Treasurer recommended to the meeting that the rate of subscription for the year 2020/21 should be E12.

11. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It was unanimously agreed the Alan Grewock, who had examined our accounts for the last seven years, be asked to undertake the task again.

12. Date and place of next AGM:

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A will be held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at The Grange Community Centre.

At the conclusion of the business & before closing the meeting Bob asked Peta Turner to make a special presentation to Sue Mahoney

"When Norman and I joined Rayleigh Grange U3A it was 6 months old. When we needed to ask anyone anything, we would always look for Sue Mahoney. She WAS Rayleigh Grange U3A.

She was: - Speakers Organiser. Group Co-ordinator. Social Secretary. And Theatre and Outings Organiser.

As our U3A grew she passed some of these jobs to others.

In the last 10 years she has given us the opportunity to go to; - The Paralympic Games and other Athletic events. Beating Retreat in Horse-guards Parade (I think 3 times). The Royal Tournament and MUCH, MUCH more.

She has anaged theatre trips to over 80 shows in London and locally, hiring coaches and sorting out meals for either before or after the show.

She also arranged holidays to Wales, Northumberland and a very memorable one to Norway to see the Northern Lights.

Her "Swan Song" in August is to the latest Matthew Bourne Ballet and then she has decided to take a well-earned rest and let other do the hard work.

We could not let such considerable effort go unrewarded, and so many of us wanted to show our appreciation and contribute towards a gift to this special lady. Please put your hands together for Sue Mahoney."

Sue was then presented with Flowers, Wine, Chocolates, an M&S Voucher and a cheque.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.30p.m.

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