

Minutes Of the fifth Annual Meeting Of **Rayleigh Grange U3A** held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at the Grange Community Centre, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman opening the meeting by thanking all the ladies who had prepared the Ploughman's Lunch which preceded the meetin&

There were 113 members in auendance

i. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Susan Squire, Gillian LillekeryLiz Simmons, Mr & Mrs. Cyril Stringer, Linda Barker, Ann Newman and Margaret Snowden

2. Minutes Of the 2013 GeneralMeeting

The minutes of the fourth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at the **Grange Community Centre had been published** on the website. Copies were made available at the meeting for those without computer access.

The minutes were signed as being correct on a proposal by Barbara Oliver and seconded by Heather Garnett 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 Chairman, **Norman Turner. Copies of the report are available on request.**

5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Alan Wall, Treasurers submitted the accounts for the year 2013/14 copies Of the Main and Social Accounts income and expenditure having been circulated to members.

Alan explained that the estimated cost ofoperation ofour U3A for 2014/1 S would be \$5580.00 with income received in May/June 2014 ofE4 200% There was a shortfall of El

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,380.00 . The Treasurer anticipated that our reserve fund will fall to approximately E 1300 in April 2015- The Third Age Trust recommends that the minimum reserve held should be half of our annual operating cost. This will be approximately With only E 1,800 we are in danger of getting into problems particularly if we have to spend to replace equipment such as the computer or projector. If the annual membership fee remains at E1 5 in May 2015 we risk having no money in reserve by April 2016. The Treasurer would therefore be recommending that the membership fee is put back to E1 8 for the year 2015/16 to be paid in May 2015 a review to be held at the 2015 AGNL Assuming membership numbers remain the same at 280 this will give an additional €840 of income in 2015 towards keeping out reserve within the recommended levels. The fees charged by Speakers had increased considerably with most Speakers charging E90. The cost of the halls which we used was also significant and could increase next year.

A member queried the difference in the totals on the Social Account and the Treasurer explained that this only represented a snapshot in time of one day and that movements to this account were made on a daily basis and it was continually changing as payments were made for theatre visits and excursions.

Sylvie Richards asked why the year end could not be altered to be in line with the capitation payment. The Treasurer replied that this had been discussed and considered by the committee who had decided not to pursue this at the time but that this would be looked at again in the coming months.

The Chairman thanked Alan for his work during the year and also Jane Green the Assistant Treasurer. The Treasurer would be recommending an increase in the membership fee under Item 10.

6. TO receive the report of the Social Secretaries & Group Co-ordinators

Doreen Brown submitted a report from the Social Secretaries and Susan Mahoney from the Group Co-ordinators. Copies of the reports are available request

Is Election of Officers of the Executive Committee

Ann Rawlinson took the chair for the election of the Chairman.

It was proposed by Linda and seconded by Alan Mckeown that Norman and was carried and Norman took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Election of Secretary:

It was proposed by John Palmer and seconded by Beryl Thompson that Derek Few be elected as Secretary. All were in favour and the motion was carried. The Chairman thanked Derek for coming forward to offer his services to fill the vacancy.

Election of Treasurer:

It was proposed by Derek Few and seconded by Alan McKeown that Alan Wall be elected Treasurer. Alan indicated his willingness to continue and the motion was carried.

Election of Vice-Chairman:

It was proposed by Ian Springall and seconded by Pam Peacock that Susan Mahoney be elected as Vice-Chairman. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Membership Secretary:

It was proposed by Beryl Thompson and seconded by Val Whyley that Ian Haynes be elected Membership Secretary for the coming year. All were in favour and the motion was carried. The Chairman thanked Ian for his work as Membership Secretary for the past year.

Election of trustees to on the Executive Committee for the r2014/15,

The following nominations had been received for the trustee vacancies:

1. Doreen Brown proposed by Edna Webb and seconded by Pam Peacock Carried

2. Jane Green proposed by Mark Wiseman and seconded by Joan Hanscomb : Carried
3- Peta Turner proposed by Jacqueline Ginn and seconded by Joan Lagden Carried

4. Susan Neil proposed by Edna Webb and seconded by Val Ryall Carried

5. Heather Garnett proposed by Christine Trayler and seconded by Vivian McKeown
Carried

6. Fred Garnett proposed by Christine Trayler and seconded by Vivian McKeown
Carried

7- Mark Wiseman proposed by Jacky Ginn and seconded by Val Whyley
The Chairman introduced Mark who would be taking over as Webmaster
Carried
85 Ann Clarke-Overy proposed by William Lagden and seconded by Joan Lagden

The Chairman introduced Ann who had volunteered to take over the Publicity Officer/Newsletter Editor's role.

The Chairman explained that all postholders would be appointed by the trustees at their first meeting.

At this point the Chairman made presentations to Ann Rawlinson the retiring Secretary, Jacqui & Jack Butcher retiring as Publicity officer and Webmaster respectively and to Irene & Stan Reynell. He expressed thanks to them all for their contribution to the creation and success of Rayleigh Grange U3A.

8. To debate any motions submitted by members

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

9. Subscriptions for 2015/16

The Treasurer recommended to the meeting that the rate of subscription for the year 2016/16 should be increased to £18 (eighteen pounds) having explained the reason for the proposed increase in his report. It was proposed by Norman Turner and seconded by Stan Reynell that the proposal be adopted. Carried.

10. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Susan Mahoney and seconded by Jane Green that Alan Grewcock who had examined our accounts for the last three years be asked to undertake the task again. Carried.

11. Date and place of next AGM

The sixth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A would be held on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at the Grange Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Grewcock', with the date '10/10/15' written below it.