

Minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A held on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at the Grange Community Centre, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh at 2.00 p.m.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking all the ladies who had prepared the Ploughman's Lunch which preceded the meeting.

The Chairman then made presentations to Doreen Brown the retiring Social Secretary, Jane Green the retiring Assistant Treasurer, Sue Mahoney the retiring Social Secretary and Vice Chairman and to Ian Haynes the resigning Membership Secretary. He expressed thanks to them all for their contribution to the creation and success of Rayleigh Grange U3A. Susan Neil also made a presentation to Norman Turner the retiring Chairman.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the fifth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 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 Peter Laker. 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, Treasurer, submitted the accounts for the year 2014/15 copies of the Main and Social Accounts income and expenditure having been circulated to members,

Alan explained that next year, if re-elected, would be his last year as Treasurer and the process to recruit a successor should begin immediately.

The Treasurer explained that our financial year differs from that of the Third Age Trust which runs a conventional April to March financial year. This means that, each year, we have to pay out for capitation fees and other costs in March/April when our membership income does not come in until May, He will be asking the committee to consider again the case for reviewing this.

He advised that we operate 2 accounts and the summary sheet, previously circulated to the membership, represents the financial position at a point in time, namely 31st May 2015.

The MAIN ACCOUNT is the primary account which is operated to deal with activities in line with the primary purpose of the U3A (To advance the education of people not in full time employment who are in their Third Age.)

This account ended the year with E1 ,000 less than we started despite the increased membership fee to E18 collected in May 2014. This was partly due to an early payment for the hire of the Grange Hall. We also spent E500 more than we received on group activities mainly due to the closure of the aviation group and the transfer of the textiles group to Ashington U3A.

The SOCIAL ACCOUNT is a holding account for activities which do not relate to the primary purpose.

This account is nearly 4 times the size of the main account and has been used mainly for reasons of convenience, to administer monies for a number of groups, From the start of this year, all groups have been transferred to the main account. Guidance from the Third Age Trust makes it clear that any group activities in line with U3A primary objectives must be on the main account. This is particularly necessary as when the income is greater than E5,000 we MUST register with the Charity

Commission as a charity. The social account will only be used for Theatre trips and day trips open to all members, and social gatherings such as quiz nights.

The process of registration as a charity will start after the new committee is in place.

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

It was reported that no specific report was provided this year but that all was well with both the individual groups and the members' social activities.

7 Election of Officers of the Executive Committee Derek Few took

the chair for the election of the Chairman.

Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Angela Bartlett and seconded by Christine Shaw that Lyn Farrow be elected Chairman for the coming year. All were in favour and the motion was carried but Norman Turner, the retiring Chairman, took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Election of Secretary:

It was proposed by Jacqui Butcher and seconded by Sheila Sabbarton that Derek Few be elected as Secretary. Derek indicated his willingness to continue. All were in favour and the motion was carried. .

Election of Treasurer:

It was proposed by Dianne Bettsworth and seconded by Christine Traylor that Alan Wall be elected Treasurer. Alan indicated his willingness to continue and the motion was carried.

Election of Vice-Chairman:

There were no nominations for the position of Vice Chairman so this position will be elected from amongst the committee members at their first meeting following this AGM.

8 Election of ten trustees to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 2015/16.

The following nominations had been received for the trustee vacancies:

Ann Clarke-Overy proposed by Janet Banks and seconded by Joan Lagden
Carried

Peta Turner proposed by Viv McKeown and seconded by Allan Robson
Carried

Jill Cogger proposed by W D White and seconded by Gloria Hosking Carried

Phil Cogger proposed by Peter Laker and seconded by W D White Carried.

Susan Neil proposed by Jill Cogger and seconded by Phil Cogger Carried

Heather Garnett proposed by Jacqui Butcher and seconded by Pauline Carter
Carried

Fred Garnett proposed by Jacqui Butcher and seconded by Pauline Carter
Carried

Mark Wiseman proposed by Ian Springall and seconded by Joan Lagden
Carried

Pam Green proposed by Linda Cornell and seconded by Christine Few Carried

Stephan Yates proposed by Ann Rawlinson and seconded by Christine Few
Carried

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

9 To debate any motions submitted by members

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

10 Subscriptions for 2015/16

The Treasurer recommended to the meeting that the rate of subscription for the year 2016/17 should remain at E18 (eighteen pounds).

11 Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Veronica Palmer and seconded by Cyril Stringer that Alan Grewock who had examined our accounts for the last four years be asked to undertake the task again.

Carried

12 Date and place of next AGM

The seventh Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at the Grange Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.

H. Farwell.