

# **TUNBRIDGE WELLS U3A**

## **Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting held at the Camden Centre, Tunbridge Wells, Thursday 15 June 2017 at 2.30pm**

### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman, Sue Brimlow, welcomed members to the meeting. The meeting was attended by 128+ people and therefore quorate. She announced that Michael Polkinghorne, a previous Chairman, would be giving a talk after the meeting entitled 'Looking Sideways at Life'.

The Secretary, Wendy Maher, reported that she had received an apology for absence from Sandra MacDonald who was looking forward to taking over as Outings Co-ordinator. . Apologies for absence had also been received from Maggie Fraser, Beryl Simmons, Roger Bradbury, Jackie and Roger Crooks, Joan Young, Sue White, Sandra Smith, Mary Pendaries, Vivienne Sharp, Janet Clare, Audrey Cosans, Sheila and Mike Miller, Elizabeth McLaren, Rosemary Rees, Don and Helen Laurie, Jan Tutton, Barbar and Paul Cowtan, Janet Ephringham, Annette Tranter, GertieO'Connor, Jo and Brian Bailey, Paul and Helen Bright, Bunty Mason, Graham and Jeanette Brown, Vera Patrick, Dorothy Short, Kyra Miller and John Swarder.

### **2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

Copies of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM had been distributed prior to the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Jill Scott and seconded by David Brimlow. They were unanimously approved by the members present.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Sue Brimlow, read out her Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and which also appears in the Newsletter.

She reported that TWU3A now had over 1100 members and also acknowledged the contribution of the Committee. She reported that Alison Grace was now standing down as Vice Chairman and presented her with a voucher as thanks for her contribution to the Committee over the years

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The signed accounts had been published in the most recent newsletter and on the website and had also been circulated by email and by post. They were also available at the meeting. The Treasurer, David Scott, gave a

presentation:

- He reported that a new membership and accounting system had been implemented, the free subscription year had reduced the overall surplus and outlined the benefits of the Beacon System.
- He compared the income and expenditure of 2016/17 with the previous year and how the surplus had been reduced.
- He outlined how the Beacon System is working and how it will develop.
- He also explained the change in computing systems both accounting and membership and how we were intending to change to the Beacon System.

He asked if there were any questions. One member asked whether with the new subscription rate, there would be an additional charge for printing and posting the Newsletter. DS advised that this would remain the same.

## **6. Proposed Change to Subscriptions**

The proposed motion had been circulated as follows:

*Following a successful Subscription free year this AGM agree:*

*The annual subscription will be returned to £16 per year as at 1 September 2017.*

*A half rate of £8 will be payable by new members following 1 April 2018 for the remainder of the year.*

*Members joining in July and August will pay the full subscription rate to include the year commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

The Chairman asked for this proposal to be agreed this was voted for en bloc. There was nobody against.

## **7. The Chairman asked members to**

- a) to receive and approve the examined accounts for the year to 31 March 2017
- b) to give a vote of thanks to the Independent Examiner
- c) to appoint the independent Examiner for 2017-2018

The Chairman asked for a single vote to cover all three sections. This was agreed and passed unanimously

## **8. Election of Officers/Trustees**

There was a requirement for the election of 1 Officer and 4 additional Trustees. Nominations for these posts were as follows:

**For a further term as Hon Secretary Wendy Maher** proposed by Diana Brown and seconded by Jonathan Farley

**Business Secretary Adrian Twiner** proposed by Peter McDonald NS seconded by Suzette Elliott-West

**Groups' Co-ordinator Jan Sumner** proposed by Sharon Colbeck and seconded by Gillian Anderson

**Outings Co-ordinator Sandra McDonald** proposed by Christine Dove and seconded by Carol Mellors

**Editor- Newsletter Eryll Fabian** proposed by Tom Guy and seconded by Alison Turner

These appointments were passed unanimously. The new Committee members were introduced to the audience

## **9. Date of next AGM**

The next AGM will be held on 21 June 2018