

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT U3A

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE UNITY CENTRE PADIHAM MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

Present- S Limmer, M.Bushby ,F.Whittle ,J Bridge, M. Hartley, A.Wiseman

Sheilagh Limmer was invited to take the chair by M Bushby.

1 Apologies for absence G. Markham, P Ferguson, M.Philp, B Hayman, M. Jackson P. Hartley

2 M. Hartley and J Bridge were co-opted as Newsletter Editor and Web Master

3 Minutes of the previous meeting, these were accepted and signed by the Chair

4 Matters arising

It was understood M.J. was going to the “planning ahead” meeting in Manchester.

Members need reminding about the Loop system and SL will put it in the newsletter.

5 AW was appointed Group co-ordinator, BH Publicity officer, FW Minutes secretary, PF will continue as Speaker secretary.PH will be Vice Chair

6 Correspondence received and Secretary’s report

BPRCVS renewal notice, it was agreed to pay this and the information will be forwarded to MJ.

Received from the Trust.

Reminder about the NW Region AGM June 8<sup>th</sup> – information & instructions. The papers will be put out at the next meeting .

Information about workshops to be held in Manchester May 17<sup>th</sup> , Managing your U3A \_  
Being a Trustee & Committees & Constitutions

July 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Ahead – Induction for new Committee members/Trustees, starting new Interest Groups and Dealing with the “ difficult customer”

The is a new subject advisor for Biology.

7 Treasurer’s Report

Members in April 2016 221, 2015 210.

Discussion re subscriptions

It was decided to keep full subscription until Oct. Oct-Dec. £10.15 Jan-March £6

There was £10125.76 in the main account with £1000.10 in the Social account.

There is a large excess, 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Matter is £450 & capitation £900.

Discussion took place regarding monies and assets. Cash raised belongs to the U3A , this has implications to groups such as Spanish where members have contributed to text books. These would be considered to belong to the member. Monies raised e.g. by the photography group would belong to the U3A. Priority would be given to the Photography group buying equipment but these would become a U3A asset .

#### 8 Acting Group Co-ordinator's report

AW intends to visit each group. It was suggested that it may be an idea for other committee members to visit groups to get a feel for the group.

As the AGA was not well attended it was suggested a note be made in the Newsletter so members know who the Group co-ordinator is. Space available in the Newsletter is becoming a problem. SL suggested she visit groups and put a little about it in the Chair's Report in the Newsletter.

#### 9 Publicity Officer's report

There was nothing to report

#### 10 Web Editors report

The Facebook page is now up and running.

John needs an up to date email list of committee members and group co-ordinators.

There is a problem with JB receiving emails which concern groups. Group co-ordinators should be accessible by email , a compromise could be that a member of the group is accessible . This will be mentioned to the group co-ordinators. No phone numbers will be on the Web Site but a condition of being a group co-ordinator is that there is an accessible phone number.

#### 11 Speaker Secretary Report

There was no report in PF's absence , but speakers have been booked through to 2017.

#### 12 review of the A.G.M.

Few people stayed for the AGM , it may be an idea to start this meeting earlier, 2pm instead of 2.30pm to prevent it going on too long. Also to serve tea at the end rather than the middle . This format will be tried next year.

13 Subscriptions – as previously mentioned the changes will be in October and January only.

#### 14 Joint meeting at Longridge.

Hyndburn U3A were at the meeting for the first time.

There were no significant developments.

Beacon system -140 on the waiting list .

Because there are 5 U3As in the cluster group , training can be provided for the groups rather than having to travel to Manchester or Liverpool. This gives more opportunity for research relating to older people.

Although it was thought the cluster group meetings are of limited value , it is in our best interest to continue to be part and attend meetings.

14 A.OB

There was no A.O.B

15 date of next meeting July7th 10.00a.m. at Padiham .