

WEST WILTS U3A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at St James' Church Hall

PRESENT: Glyn Evans (Chairman), Diane Ramsay-Arthur (Treasurer)
Beryl Baggs (Secretary), Kate Winfield (Assistant Treasurer),
Jean Stanford, Debbie Whitfield, Pete Gillam, Bob Gilbert,
John Marsden, Lesley Povey

There were 142 members signed in.

1. Glyn declared the meeting open at 2.00 p.m. and welcomed everyone, including new members and visitors.
2. **Apologies:** Jenny Fowers, Peter Chappell
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 16 March 2016**
There were no questions and the minutes were therefore accepted and signed as a true record.

Proposed: Mary Matthews Seconded: Jean Stanford
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Chairman's Report: On behalf of the membership Glyn thanked all Group Co-ordinators and Committee Members for their hard work and dedication during what had been another successful year. Membership remains above 700.

We have all enjoyed the series of extremely interesting speakers on a variety of subjects, thanks to Peter Chappell and the Speakers' Committee. Tony Bowes and the Trips Committee have also been very busy organising a great variety of exciting and interesting visits with more to come in the forthcoming year.

A number of new groups had been formed during the year, including the U3A Productions group which devised a highly entertaining concert in December.

The U3A Beacon electronic system will be introduced later this year.

Jefferey Morris, Deputy Chairman, and Debbie Whitfield, Groups Co-ordinator, have retired from the committee. Glyn thanked them both very much for their hard work and dedication to WWU3A.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Annual Accounts for the year ending December 2016 which had been checked and signed had been circulated at the meeting (*Copy held with minutes*) Diane explained that owing to the closure of the Westbury branch of the Co-operative Bank it had been decided to change to Barclays. The Savings Account had been closed and all monies transferred to the General Account.

During 2016, a grant had been obtained to allow purchase of the microphones for use during monthly meetings which had greatly improved audibility. Diane thanked the Technology Team for their efforts in this regard. It had also been necessary to obtain a Wireless Licence and to purchase batteries.

Diane thanked Kate for all her work as Assistant Treasurer.

No queries were raised and it was recommended that the accounts be accepted as a true record.

Proposed: David Feather Seconded: Jean Stanford
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Implementation of Increased Membership Fees, commencing 2018

Glyn reported that this had been agreed and deferred at the AGM of 2013, and had been deferred at every AGM since then. The committee had now decided that with increased costs and the gradually decreasing balance it had become necessary to implement the increase to £15 as from March 2018.

David Feather raised objections to this and, seconded by Len Haysom, proposed membership fees be left as they are. Antony Tidey said an extraordinary meeting could be called, if required.

There was discussion and it was decided to have a show of hands to indicate agreement with the implementation of the increase.
Proposed: Joan Johnson Seconded: Jean Stanford

The motion was carried by 63 votes to 56 with 15 abstentions. The membership fees will therefore increase to £15 as from the AGM of 2018.

Election of Chairman Bob thanked Glyn for his sterling work as Chairman and, in the absence of any other nominations having been received, proposed that Glyn be re-elected.

Seconded Jeffery Morris.
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Election of Deputy Chairman Glyn reported that Jefferey had stood down as Deputy Chairman and thanked him for his invaluable contribution. He proposed that Bob Gilbert be elected.
Seconded: Brian Johnson
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Election of Treasurer Diane had agreed to stand again and Glyn thanked her for her hard work over the year.
Proposed: Pete Gillam Seconded: Sheila French
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Election of Committee Members Glyn reported that there had been eight nominations for nine vacancies: Beryl Baggs, Kate Winfield, John Marsden, Jean Stanford, Pete Gillam and Lesley Povey had all agreed to stand again, plus two new members, Jenny Fowers and Stuart McGee, leaving one vacant position. At present, David Landeryou was happy to continue as Newsletter Editor but not as a committee member. Glyn thanked him for his hard work producing the quarterly magazine.
Proposed: Joan Tugwell Seconded: Barbara Feather
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Thank you to Debbie and Jefferey On behalf of the membership and committee, Glyn thanked Debbie (Groups Co-ordinator) and Jefferey (Deputy Chairman) for their hard work in contributing to the success of WWU3A. A presentation was made to them both.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.30 p.m. and was followed by a very interesting talk on the early history of Penguin Books given by Barry Edwards.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 March 2018

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