



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Tuesday, 22nd April 2014

at

KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 14:30hrs

Present: Ken Doyle (Chairman), Roy Turnbull (Treasurer), Lorraine Donovan (Secretary), Lesley Dittmer, Jackie Robinson, Peter Edge, Sue O'Donoghue, Kath Oakley, Sheila Barton, Keith Barton, John Fallon
plus 110 members and 1 visitor.

1. Apologies for Absence: Sally Axford, John O'Donoghue, Keith Donovan, Liz Needham, David and Pat Bassett.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd April 2013
Approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

We are now 5 years old. At our inaugural meeting in January 2009 around 180 people expressed interest in forming a Keyworth U3A and there was a rush to form a steering committee. During the ensuing 5 years much has been achieved and I have to thank, in particular, our founding Chairman Professor Barry Hull together with Barbara Wallace, Vice Chair, Valerie Petef, Secretary, Howard and Jackie Fisher, Treasurer and for their hard work in establishing Keyworth & District U3A with a Constitution, Banking Accounts and Significant Lottery Grant. Since those early days our membership has grown to over 480 members, with 35 different Interest Groups.

Today we meet to elect a new committee with four of the existing committee members standing down and two already retired on health grounds. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for the support that I have received over the last three years without rancour and with an unprecedented willingness to undertake tasks by each and every member of the Committee. During that period we have imposed and subsequently removed a cap on the membership, with the communications link to the back room. We have financed and installed a defibrillator for joint use by the U3A and the

Church, our hosts with whom we have enjoyed an excellent relationship. We have formulated and distributed Handbooks for the guidance of Group Leaders. Our excellent website, much praised from outside our U3A has been established and currently receives in excess of a thousand hits per month! New Horizons has superbly organised outings to many different venues as diverse as the Houses of Parliament to Guts and Gore walks around Nottingham. The excellent, sell-out Christmas Parties have also been their remit and yes they are already at it for this year. Many thanks Ladies.

I have been avoiding individuals in the fear of missing someone out but I would like to introduce you to the Committee in order that you can show your collective appreciation Keith Barton, Vice Chairman; Lorraine Donovan, Secretary; Roy Turnbull, Treasurer; Lesley Dittmer, Membership Secretary; Sheila Barton, Newsletter Editor; Jackie Robinson, Speaker Finder; Kath Oakley, Publicity and New Members, Sue O'Donoghue, New Horizons and Peter Edge, Master Webmaster. Suffice to say they have all been magnificent.

I have to thank also our unsung heroes --The Group Leaders who give up so much of their time, both at regular meetings and in preparation for same. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thanks are also due to our Greeters, Receptionists, Refreshment crews and finally the Technical crews who all contribute so much to the smooth running of these Open Meetings

And so to the future. Soon you will be voting in a new committee to whom I extend my best wishes in the hope and knowledge that our U3A will continue to grow and prosper and that they will find their term of office as enjoyable and rewarding as I have.

Thank you for your support.

There were no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

You have all been provided with a set of Financial Statements which include the Receipts and Payments, Balance Sheet and Notes for the Financial Year ending on the 28th February 2014. The Financial Statements were approved by the Committee on the 1st April and were signed off by the Chairman, Treasurer and subsequently by the Independent Examiner John Fallon. At this point, I would like to thank John for completing the examination in a timely manner and providing the committee with constructive comments.

Membership numbers increased by 4% over the previous year but subscription income was down by £1,200 (-14%) due to previously agreed annual subscription rate reductions. No equipment purchases of any significance were made during the year which contributed to the year surplus of £2500. Reserves at the end of the year were £10,300. However, it must be remembered that in 2009, we were fortunate in obtaining a Lottery

Funded Grant of £9,000 for the purchase of equipment which will eventually need to be replaced from our reserves.

Furthermore, all Group Leaders/Administrators, where requested, submitted financial returns which have been summarised and agreed by the committee. I would like to thank the Group Leaders/Administrators for their co-operation and the excellent services they provide to members.

There were no questions.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Bill Cooper, seconded by Stan Miller, and approved nemine contradicente.

The Committee has decided to hold the current annual subscription rate of £15 for the year 2015/16. Subscriptions, will of course, continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Roy Turnbull went on to thank Ken Doyle, our retiring Chairman, and Jackie Robinson, retiring speaker finder, who has speakers confirmed through to April 2015.

He also announced that he will stand down as Treasurer next year (2015) and stated that he would be happy to mentor anyone interested in taking over and the job could be made a "job share".

6. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

John Fallon has agreed to continue to stand for a further year.

Proposed by Sue Brittain and seconded by Kath Oakley and carried nemine contradicente.

7. Appointment of Honorary Officers & Committee members

The following have agreed to stand for a further year.

Keith Barton	Vice Chairman
Roy Turnbull	Treasurer

The following have been proposed and seconded and confirmed that they are prepared to stand as Officers on the committee:

Jackie Mullins	Chairman
Clare Franklin	Business Secretary

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above officers en bloc and this was agreed by a show of hands and therefore elected nemine contradicente.

The following have been proposed and seconded and confirmed they are willing to stand as Committee members:

Sheila Barton

Sylvia Campbell
Peter Edge
Jenny Greaves
Pat Murfet
Sue O'Donoghue
Kath Oakley

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above en bloc and this was approved by a show of hands and all were therefore elected nemine contradicente.

The business having been completed, the Chairman closed the meeting at 14:50.

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