



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

For the Annual General Meeting held at 2:30 pm Wednesday 28 November 2018 in the Buckingham Community Centre.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
2. Apologies: none
3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, copies of which were available in the Hall and had been posted on the Association's website, were approved.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave his report. The Association is 20 years old and has been very successful. It has grown from 60 to 880 members and is the biggest organisation in Buckingham. There are more than 70 groups.

Roger Edwards organised a tree planting to commemorate the 20th anniversary. It symbolises the links with the University of Buckingham.

The Association has converted to a charitable incorporated organisation.

The Chairman expressed the Association's thanks to Ginny Booth, to Karen Burton for catering and organising the summer social, to Roger Edwards for dealing with publicity for the Association, to Linda Beazley and Janti Mistry, retiring Committee members, to all the Committee members and to Clive Cowdy, the immediate past president.

The Christmas Social will be on 19 December 2018.

The Association hopes to have a New Year's lunch in January but a volunteer is needed to organise it.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report. The conversion to a charitable incorporated organisation, which had been approved at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, has been effected. The Association has adopted a new constitution, based on the model provided by the Charities Commission.

Trips and theatre visits must be paid directly by the Treasurer and not by the organiser.

The Association incurred a small loss for the year but the increase in the subscriptions will cover expenses in the next year.

Diaries are available.

The members approved the accounts as presented.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman announced that all of the current officers of the Association are willing to be re-elected and that nomination and seconding forms have been received.

Chairman: Martin Paul, Vice-Chairman: Dusty Roades, Treasurer: Paddy Collins, Secretary: Clifford Dammers

The members voted to elect all four officers by a show of hands.

The Chairman announced that the Committee must be elected. The current members are willing to continue serving and Lorna Joy, Membership Secretary, and Roland Simpkins, Speaker Secretary, are also willing to serve. The Chairman announced that nominations and seconding forms have been received.

Martin Paul

Dusty Roades

Paddy Collins

Clifford Dammers

Derek Morgan—Webmaster

Steve Heywood—Group Liaison Officer, Lorna Joy—Membership Secretary, Carolina Kenealey—Newsletter Editor, Roland Simpkins—Speaker Secretary, Roger Edwards—Publicity

The members voted to elect the nominated members to the Committee by a show of hands.

The Chairman proposed that Clive Cowdy be elected President, an honorary role.. The proposal was moved and seconded and the members voted to elect Mr. Cowdy as President by a show of hands.

7. Open Forum

The Chairman lead a discussion about the future of open meetings. Ideas suggested including a mixture of speakers and other activities such as a quiz, entertainment from the creative groups and groups introducing themselves and promoting their activities.

A possibility is a meeting to discuss a subject of interest to all of the members, for example, the National Health Service.

The Chairman urged the members to give the name of any good speakers they hear to the Speaker Secretary.

The Chairman said that group co-ordinators are essential to the success of the groups and members should not be reluctant to act as a group co-ordinator.

The meeting was closed at 3 pm.

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