

Bradford u3a Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Minutes

Initial draft 26 Sept 2024

The minutes will be approved and agreed at the next AGM 17 September 2025

(since changed to 16 September 2025)

Present: 54 members.

Apologies: Phil Barker, Maureen Grace and 27 other members

Ros Garside in the Chair welcomed everyone and said that there would be a general discussion at the end of the meeting. She noted that the meeting was quorate which must be 10% of the membership. We now have 287 members.

The Chair asked people to remember Robin Linfoot-Smith who had sadly passed away.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

The minutes were proposed by Bruce Barnes and seconded by Elizabeth MacDonald. These were approved with no corrections.

Matters Arising

There were none.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported that 2023 – 2024 had been a good year. The membership had grown over the year to 309 with a good range of activities. The big challenge of the year had been the new arrangements with the Bradford Club. Only the main Monthly Meetings, Committee meetings, the quizzes, the AGM and larger groups were able to continue to use the Bradford Club. Most groups had to find new venues. The Chair thanked the Group Coordinators and all those who helped to find new venues.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the finances were a little bit down this year compared to last year. This was because we were unable to claim gift aid due to issues with the HMRC portal. A question was asked why there were two entries for speaker expenses. She explained one was for the room hire and the second was the cost of speakers. She was also asked if it was true that if it wasn't for the McCarthy Stone money we would be £1,300 down from last year. The Treasurer explained that the Third Age Trust (TAT) had taken two lots of Capitation monies in the year which is why we are down so much. In answer to a question she explained that Capitation was the per capita charge levied by the TAT for their services to individual u3as.

It was stated that the cost of posting newsletters to each member was more than the subscription fee. The Chair pointed out that this would be discussed at January's Committee meeting along with the subscription level for next year. A member asked if we could use a buddy system to deliver it but it was pointed out that it would still have to be printed.

Another member asked if the Third Age Matters magazine could be posted online as the cost to the u3a was prohibitive. The Chair stated that members could choose not to receive it by ticking a box on the membership form.

One member suggested it would be a good idea to put the paperwork on the screen at future AGMs. This was agreed by the Chair.

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent Examiner, John Caswell, said that he had examined the accounts and found them satisfactory.

It was proposed and seconded that the Meeting accept the Accounts. The accounts were accepted unanimously.

John Caswell was re-elected as the Independent Examiner.

Resolutions

None

Election of Committee Members

Dianne Excell was elected as an ordinary member of the Committee by 53 votes to nil.

Roy Hodson who had been co-opted by the Committee was elected to the Committee in the role of Membership Secretary again by 53 votes to nil.

The Chair pointed out that there was still one Committee vacancy and asked for volunteers from the floor. No one did volunteer.

Any Other Business

Judy Shorney suggested that the Lister Park corner was a good pick-up site for trips.

Cathryn Iliffe said we should thank Maureen Grace for her years of sterling work. The Chair replied that she wasn't stepping down yet but we would certainly thank her when she does.

The meeting closed at 11.15am