

Minutes of The AGM of Penrith and North Lakes U3A held at Penrith Playhouse on Thursday 15 June at 2.15 pm.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Crothers, Margaret Swaffer, Maurice and Sheila Longville, Barbara Smallwood, Sylvia and Fred Tiffin and Richard Hall

2. Tellers

Ian Forrest and Andrea Willett were appointed tellers.

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes were approved by the meeting nem con. They were proposed by Sue Tomlinson and seconded by Teresa Douglas.

4. Chair's Report

Firstly, a reminder that PNLU3A is a charitable organisation & as such should comply with Charity Commission guidelines & legal requirements. Members of our executive committee are also trustees & take their responsibilities seriously & act in the public interest. This year we have produced a report on the Commission's proforma & this will be available in our next newsletter. There is a legal requirement to submit this report to the Commission if our income exceeds £25,000 pa, & though our income does not exceed this, we intend to submit the report, covering as it does the 20th Anniversary of our inception.

2016 was a time to look back & reflect on the huge achievements during that time 1st para Section D of report.

Groups 53 - We are grateful to the group convenors or leaders who oversee each of our groups & to our overall groups' coordinator Ian Forrest. There have been 2 groups convenors meetings this year & a Group Convenors Handbook has been produced by Ian, in consultation with our committee & the convenors. In conjunction with this, we, as a committee, have worked on updating our policies, which are in the most part in line with those of the Third Age Trust & are available on our website.

Membership 586 at beginning April 2017 with 77 new members over the year though we do unfortunately also lose members too. We again had a successful Open Day on 29/11/16. This is aimed at providing more information for both new & existing members. Grateful to Lesley Hall & all who helped organise this & provide the displays.

There has once again been a varied programme of monthly meetings organised by Sue Tomlinson to whom we are grateful.

Robin Acland's monthly open English literature meetings at St Andrew's Parish rooms have continued to be popular & there has been collaborative working with the Penrith Remembers group, remembering the events of the First World War. Mike Fossey & Joan McMurty have also continued to give their occasional joint Art & History presentations. Unfortunately, this year marked their last residential course for the art group at Rydal Hall & we are grateful for all the work done in organising this event every year & the enjoyment & fellowship these courses provided.

The Newsletter continues to be published every 2 months & we are grateful to Robin Acland & Chris Wilkinson for this.

Robin Acland - Roll of Honour

Robin, Mike Fossey John Upson Jack Wilson & Pat Winn also made Honorary members.

IT : Our old IT system could no longer be supported & wasn't really fit for purpose so the decision was made towards the end of last year to move to the Beacon system which is being used by other U3As. We are grateful to Lance Greenhalgh for his help in moving data onto the new system & also to all those on our committee who are involved with using the system which has not been without it's teething problems.

Objectives of U3A - [i] to advance the education of the public

[ii] The provision of facilities ...

Purchase of additional projector & laptop

Decided not to pursue the acquisition of a dedicated venue further.

Leading on from the launch of the Penrith Dementia Action Alliance in October 2016, PNLU3A formally joined this alliance in January. - read middle page 5 of report.

Retirements - Barbara Smallwood helped by Carol Gallagher, stepped down at the end of last year from providing the refreshments at our monthly meetings, open day & group convenors' meetings & we are grateful for their service over the years & also to Beryl Armstrong with the help of Pam & Marjorie who have taken over. This meeting also sees Sylvia Kidd step down from distributing the newsletter & we are again grateful to her & her team for their work.

5. Treasurer's Report

Receipts and Expenditure

General Account

2017		2016
Income	9407	6785
Expenditure	10313	7530
Surplus	- 906	-745

Social Events

Income	0	480
Expenditure	0	436
Surplus	0	

Interest Group Accounts

	2017	2016
Income	11049	12682
Expenditure	10479	11305
Surplus	570	1367

Overall surplus -336 -666

Balance Sheet

2017		2016
Fixed assets	0	0
General Account		
Cash at bank	15345	16300
Cash in hand	135	85
Social Account		
Cash at bank	44	44
Interest Groups		
Cash at bank	2672	2154
Cash in hand	184	133
Total balance	18380	18716

Groups Accounts Balance

Bridge	225.10
Badminton	12.65
Architecture 2	23.70
Art	752.87
Literature	181.54
Singing for Fun	18.20
Local Studies	284.14
Music	186.00
Architecture 1	21.74
Book Club1	46.00
Table Tennis	738.02
Folk Dance	134.10
Archaeology 2	28.80
Open meetings	203.50

Financial Review - Key Points

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have recommended we retain unrestricted reserves of 6-9 months expenditure
Our current reserves figure of £15,480 represents just under 9 months.

Income/expenditure very much in line with last year once allowing for the BBQ & Educational Visits.

Monthly meeting room hire included payment for 2015/16 in April

Deficit for year was an agreed approach:-

Subsidised barbecue and purchase of IT equipment

Gift Aid- total 3 years now to claim.

Low take up of grants to group

Italian	£15.99-film
Spanish	£44 Magazine subscription
Energy Futures	£100 –towards production of booklet
Geology	£100 –special event(paid in 2017-18)

Open Meetings

Now grouped together with an overall balance.

6. Adoption of Accounts

The motion to accept the accounts was proposed proposed by Neil Barrett and seconded by Ann Simpson It was passed nem con.

7. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiners

It was proposed by Margaret Irving and seconded by Ian Forrest that Saint and Co be the independent financial examiners. It was passed nem con.

8. Election of Officers

It was proposed by Philip Lund and seconded by Ann Simpson that all officers be elected en bloc.

They were:

Chair - Josephine Dunlop, proposed Pam Radcliffe, seconded Marjorie Gallagher

Vice-chair - Andrea Willett, proposed Jane Boylan, seconded Dave Neale

Secretary - Mike Head, proposed Shirley Moss, seconded Anita Wood

Treasurer - Margaret Irving, proposed Diane Stewart, seconded J L Haden

Maggie Neale, proposed Les Haden, seconded A Bainbridge

Sue Tomlinson, proposed Elaine Jenkins, seconded Neil Barrett

Ian Forrest, proposed John Upson, seconded Peter Smith

Lesley Hall, proposed Carol Galloway, seconded Lance Greenhalgh

Richard Hall, proposed Carol Galloway, seconded Lance Greenhalgh

Teresa Douglas, proposed Pam Head, seconded by Alan Irving.

9. Any Other Business

It was asked what those without computers could do about finding out who was on the committee and their roles. It was agreed to put this in the newsletter.

10. Date of next AGM

The next AGM was confirmed as 21 June 2018.