

U3A Llandrindod Wells & District

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Monday, 13 March 2017 at The Metropole Hotel

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Members were welcomed to the Meeting by the Chairman, Berwyn Woolnough.

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on March 14, 2016 had been published on the Website. Acceptance being proposed and seconded, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Matters Arising:** None

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman described the year as "very good". Membership is slightly increased. There are now 23 Interest Groups flourishing on a wide variety of topics, with the formation of 2 or 3 more imminent. A special event was held in April to mark our tenth anniversary; the speaker was Rami Seth. In October we entered two teams into the Mid Wales Quiz, which was eventually won by our team of "Diehards". In December, the Art Group, Unfinished Objects and Digital Photography Groups held a superb public exhibition in the local Museum. The Christmas Lunch was attended by a record 130 members and guests and was preceded by a spoof on "Double or Drop", the competition remembered from the BBC TV programme, "Crackerjack". The Theatre Group made two trips to Stratford upon Avon and two to Aberystwyth. The Creative Writing Group held a Study Day with guests from other U3A's and the Recorder Group made a pilgrimage to Ludlow to join with other groups in a Study Day.

Berwyn paid particular thanks to all Group Leaders.

Last month, a "New Members" meeting had been held for the first time and was a very enjoyable opportunity to discuss new ideas. Community Links have also been established with Builth Wells and Llandrindod High Schools and will be taken forward as much as possible as and when the proposed changes to their status is progressed.

The Chairman went on to say he had inherited a "finely tuned machine". Currently, three officers and a member of the Main Committee were standing down after holding office for three years: he thanked Karen Latham, Membership Secretary, Mary Russell, Treasurer, and Helen Wyton, Programme Secretary for their work and commitment - along with Ann Harvey, who was thanked for her work on the meeting Noticeboards. Gifts and Flowers were presented as a token of our appreciation.

Among several background helpers, Berwyn also thanked Nick Talbott for his work on the website; Margaret Mason and Kathie Richards-Jones for their editorship and publication of "Borderlines", Fay Ramsden for being the charming personality greeting members each month, Helen Wyton and Patsy Godfrey for their work with new members and, Clive Barrett for producing our press releases.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the financial breakdown had been provided prior to the meeting. Mary Russell explained that, although we had spent more than our income for this financial year, this had been pre-planned to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and there was no requirement to increase annual subscriptions at this point.

#### 5) Election of Committee/Officers

##### Nominations

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Chairman:            | Berwyn Woolnough |
| V.Chair:             | Penny Everett    |
| Treasurer:           | Alun Thomas      |
| Committee Secretary: | Sue Parsons      |
| Membership Secretary | Eleanor Cuddy    |
| Programme Secretary  | Sue Turner       |
| Committee Member     | Sue Harvard      |
| Committee Member     | Delphine Carter  |

These being the only nominations received, no formal election is required and the new Committee members were proposed, seconded and elected unanimously "en bloc" and were warmly welcomed to their term of office.

**Co-opted members for special tasks** (Without voting rights) : Nick Talbott (Website)  
Chris Thomas (Finance)

There being no further business, the formal part of the Meeting closed. Karen Latham gave members details of her proposal for a "Charabanc Club" and a sign up sheet went around for the first outing to Chester Races.

Berwyn then "took the stage" as our speaker on George Gershwin, enhancing his talk by playing some of the most famous, and best loved pieces on clarinet, and showing screen clips which were smoothly controlled by Nick Talbott. Vote of Thanks was given by Penny Everett.

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**Llandrindod Wells & District U3A**  
**Receipts and Payments Account Year Ending 31st January 2017**

| 2015-16         | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                                   | £               |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5950.00         | Members' Subscriptions                            | 6365.50         |
| 24.00           | Day Visitors' Fees                                | 6.00            |
| 1678.49         | Gift Aid Recovered                                | 840.63          |
| 24.40           | Interest                                          | 23.15           |
| 60.00           | Sale of merchandise                               | 48.00           |
| 2014.00         | Christmas Lunch                                   | 1869.00         |
| 28.20           | exp refunds                                       | 0.00            |
| 235.00          | Miscellaneous                                     | 0.00            |
|                 | 10th Anniv tickets                                | 980.00          |
| 176.69          | Events and Special Interest Groups (Net Receipts) | -4.64           |
| <b>10190.78</b> | <b>Total Income</b>                               | <b>10127.64</b> |
|                 | <b>PAYMENTS</b>                                   |                 |
|                 | <b>Lectures</b>                                   |                 |
| 2964.00         | Hire of Rooms                                     | 2970.00         |
| 435.00          | Lecturers' Fees                                   | 565.60          |
| 417.00          | Hospitality                                       | 149.10          |
| 2014.00         | <b>Christmas Lunch</b>                            | 2466.02         |
| 780.50          | <b>U3A Trust Capitation</b>                       | 878.50          |
| 396.14          | <b>"Third Age Matters" Periodical</b>             | 509.76          |
| 487.00          | <b>"Borderlines" Newsletter Printing</b>          | 488.00          |
| 29.22           | <b>other U3A/sponsorship</b>                      | 260.00          |
| 63.30           | <b>Christmas lunch and panto costs</b>            | 0.00            |
| 102.00          | <b>Purchase of merchandise</b>                    | 40.00           |
|                 | <b>10th Anniversary</b>                           | 1480.00         |
| 212.00          | <b>Other Printing Costs</b>                       | 88.80           |
|                 | <b>Administration</b>                             |                 |
| 115.85          | Secretary's Expenses                              | 131.49          |
| 50.00           | Treasurer's Expenses                              | 107.39          |
| 31.68           | Postage                                           | 52.74           |
| 21.59           | Website                                           | 28.78           |
| 0.00            | Computer Services                                 | 100.76          |
| 355.82          | Miscellaneous                                     | 451.08          |
| <b>8475.10</b>  | <b>Total Expenditure</b>                          | <b>10768.02</b> |
| 1715.68         | <b>Net +Receipts/-Payments</b>                    | <b>-640.38</b>  |
| 8074.46         | <b>Opening Balance 1st February</b>               | 9790.14         |
| 9790.14         | <b>Closing Balance 31st January</b>               | <b>9149.76</b>  |

2015-16  
3499.46  
830.51  
5437.93  
22.24  
9790.14

## Balances held as

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>HSBC Lecture Account</b> | <b>2833.31</b> |
| <b>HSBC Events Account</b>  | <b>825.87</b>  |
| <b>COIF Deposit Account</b> | <b>5461.08</b> |
| <b>Petty Cash in Hand</b>   | <b>29.50</b>   |
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|                             | <b>9149.76</b> |

## Other Assets and Liabilities

### assets

laptop  
digital projector  
laminator  
sound system  
earphone  
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merchandise stock  
botany group stock  
screen

### liabilities

none

### funds

all funds are unrestricted