

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A LLANDRINDOD WELLS AND DISTRICT HELD ON MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019 AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Attendance

As per signed register

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 12th March 2018 had been published on the website and available on the notice board. It was proposed by Karen Latham and seconded by Penny Everett that the minutes be approved and this was unanimously agreed.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report 2018 / 2019.

Chairman Berwyn reported as follows (verbatim):-

Time, as we all know, seems to pass ever more quickly as we get older, but it's still a bit of a surprise to find myself already standing here for the third and final time to deliver a report. As usual, I'm happy to say, it's a very positive one.

As the increasing numbers attending our monthly meetings will attest - (last month a record 180) - Llandrindod U3A is flourishing. We now have 283 members, 43 of whom joined this year. The Membership Secretary tells me that of all the people who come for "taster" visits, around 75% eventually sign up, a conversion rate that any salesman can only dream of. We are very grateful to Roger, Helen and Patsy who look after potential and new members so well and make this possible.

I'd also like to thank Sue, our Speaker Secretary, who has ensured that we have been treated to excellent talks on subjects as diverse as human rights, The Beatles and vanity architecture. It's a testament to her diligence that speakers have already been booked to the end of next year.

Interest Groups are at the centre of U3A movement. Llandrindod has 30 groups currently running, which is remarkable for a small town. Even more remarkable is the average monthly attendance of 400 at these meetings. Most groups are Llandrindod based but others travel far and wide. The Charabanc Club has been to a U3A art and music event in Cardiff and also visited Llangollen and the Pontcysyllte aqueduct; the Theatre Group went to Cardiff and Stratford to see "Nightingales" and "Macbeth"; the Rail Riders had two trips on the Vale of Rheidol line, the first to Aberystwyth for fish and chips, the second for a Sunday lunch at Devil's Bridge.

Of course, the Interest Groups do not run themselves; behind the scenes there are many of people leading and administering them. Without these dedicated folk the U3a would not exist. Their work is much appreciated; we couldn't do without them. My thanks go also to Stephen Ashley who has continued as Groups Co-ordinator this year.

In October we entered a plucky team of five in the Mid Wales Quiz, and you'll be glad to hear that they upheld our good record in this event by coming second out of six.

Over 150 people came to our Christmas meeting. After the talk, we were treated to a short entertainment involving music from the shows, belly dancing (of the most decorous kind) and a witty sketch written and performed by a troupe of our talented members. Lunch followed, during

which we wrestled with a testing quiz and played a challenging game of “Heads and Tails” in a contest to win one of two large pots.

Some of the team which runs Llandrindod U3A are high profile; you see them every time you come to a meeting. First there's Faye, our welcomer, who greets everyone with a cheerful smile and then come front-desk dignitaries, Roger (already mentioned), Sue, our super-efficient Secretary, and finally Alun and Chris, who have managed our finances impeccably for the last two years, always to the satisfaction of our auditor and the Charities Commission. Then, when you come into this room, you'll doubtless spot Nick seeing to the IT needs of the speaker. Out of the spotlight, however, there are three others, who make a vital contribution to our organisation - Margaret and Kathie who compile and produce four top quality editions of “Borderlines”, and Clive, who writes our monthly press reports. Thank you all for the part you play in our success.

Three committee members are standing down this time – the two Sues and vice Chairperson Penny. Penny is a past Chairperson and has been actively involved in the running the group for several years. They have each contributed greatly to the success of our U3A. They will be missed, and on your behalf I wish them all a carefree retirement.

There we are. That's all I have to say. A happy new U3A year to to you all!

4. Treasurers report

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for 2018/19 displayed on screen. He reported on in the Income and Expenditure over the previous year and that the U3A was in a sound financial position. He recommended that there be no increase in the annual subscription.

It was proposed by Mary Russell, seconded by Robert Bevan and unanimously agreed that the accounts be received and approved.

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2019/2020

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| • Chairman | - | Roger Malvern |
| • Vice Chairman | - | to be agreed by the Committee |
| • Treasurer | - | Alun Thomas |
| • Assistant Treasurer | - | Chris Thomas |
| • Membership Secretary | - | Nick Talbot |
| • Committee Secretary | - | Kathie Richards-Jones |
| • Programme Secretary | - | Mary Davies and Jan Willsher |

These being the only nominations received, no formal election process was required and the new committee members were proposed by Robert Bevan, seconded by Kevin Russell, elected unanimously en bloc and were warmly welcomed to their term of office.

6. Appointment of Auditor

Martin Nosworthy had volunteered and was appointed as Auditor

7. Any other business

There was no other business and the formal part of the meeting was closed