



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Benson Parish Hall, OX10 6LZ
on Friday 29th April 2016**

Present:

Committee: Mike Price, Chairman (Greater Thame); Susie Berry, Vice-Chairman (Ridgeway); Agnes Budagowska, Treasurer (Swindon); Anne Marie Lord, Secretary (Chinnor & District); Len Smith (Wokingham); Avis Furness (Reading); Patsy Thornton (Wokingham).

Representatives: John Orchard, Fay Sinai (Abingdon), Geoff and Val Young (Aylesbury Vale), Norman and Esme Dutton (Banbury), Peggy Penfold, Audrey Luff (Bicester), Pam Palmer, Derek Jackson (Bracknell Forest), Geoff Glover, Val Smith (Chalfonts), Tony Biddle (Chess Valley), Tim Layfield, Peter Metcalf (Chiltern), Rosie Hetherington, Dorothy Rogers (Chinnor & District), Shirley Rouse, Anne Hales (Didcot and District), Peter Foot (Faringdon), Gillian Thomas, Ann Walsh (Goring Gap), Carole Campo, Sandra Matthews (Greater Thame), Sheila Allcock, Anne Partridge (Headington), Jean Myhill, Bill Teasdale, Hilary Warren, Ian Ross (Maidenhead), Brian Humphrey, Mike Davies (Marlow & District), John Taylor (Newbury), Margaret Lipscomb (Oxford), Geraint James (Princes Risborough), Jane Sellwood (Reading), Pat Fewell, Angela Jacob, Annette Thompson (Ridgeway), Colin O'Rourke (South Bucks), Glenys Bettley (Swindon), Peggy Miles, Derek Randall (Thame & District), Mike Morphy, Jill Procter (Wallingford), George Goldsmith, Liz Woolley (Wantage and Grove), Margaret Sherrington (West Oxford), John Wiggins (Windsor), Jane Clarke (Witney), Colin Mitchell (Wokingham), Sue Hooker, Pam Rook (Woodstock). Ian Clarkson

The AGM was preceded by a presentation by Ian Clarkson about the TVN Historic Pathways Project Website he has set up. <https://u3atvnhp.wordpress.com> or "Google" u3atvnhp Len will also create a link from the TVN website.

The site has two functions : (i) as a record of all that the project achieved, (ii) as a resource for use of members in the future.

It contains walks notes and relevant maps plus information from the project. The maps are published under licence from Ordnance Survey. This will be in place for a year paid for by TVN.

Ian envisages that the site is a work in progress as he would like U3As and members to send additional material (photographs, reports), amendments and new material for inclusion. ian.clarkson@gmail.com preferably with text and photographs sent separately.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed all present.

Apologies had been received from: Gill Le Du (Henley), Pam Jones, (Chairman Third Age Trust), Hilvary Robinson (Regional Rep), Theresa Doherty (Bracknell Forest), Ian and Josephine Wright (Carterton), Eric Magson (Chess Valley), Dorrie Oliver (Chinnor & District), Ali Jinman (Greater Thame), Brian Baldwin (Milton Keynes), David Tippins (South Bucks), Neil Kelly (Thameside, Wallingford), Christina Mungovan (Tring), Margaret Edmondson (Wallingford), Pauline Martin (W Oxford), Pam Hares (Wokingham), Lesley Summers (Woodstock)

2. Minutes of the AGM of 1st May 2015 :

The Reps recorded on these minutes had been amended as advised.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Peter Metcalf (Chiltern), seconded by Geoff Young (Aylesbury Vale) and agreed unanimously. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report:

4.1 Mike thanked the Committee for all their support while he has been chairman and said he would be supporting the next chairman with circulation of documents for Study days to past attendees held on a distribution list. At present he is having difficulty sending bulk e-mails. He welcomed all the Representatives and thanked them for coming. Mike also thanked those who had helped set up the hall for the meeting today, set up the lunches, served the refreshments or helped in the background.

Mike said he was pleased that the Network was continuing to grow and that the Events/Study days were so successful. He stressed that the Network enables things to happen which may not be possible for a U3A working alone. The success of the TVN is due to the work everyone does.

4.2 Discussion followed re the role of Networks. Proposals from the Regional Trustee and elsewhere suggest that Networks could have a greater role in how the Third Age Trust works. The Third Age Trust is the umbrella body regarding insurance and set up of new U3As but individual U3As are responsible for themselves, Networks do not exist to provide another layer in the organisation. They share ideas rather than becoming involved with liaising between U3As and the NEC.

4.3 Payments to speakers: Charity Commissioners say that as all U3As are part of the Third Age Trust and no members should be paid if speaking at any U3A. Potentially this could prevent/deter people from joining U3A. This issue has been referred back to the Charity Commission.

4.4 Constitution: Currently no U3A is required to make any change to its Constitution. However, if a U3A wishes to change its constitution, this must be sent to the Charity Commission. U3As are advised to discuss changes with the Third Age Trust but it is down to U3As to decide how they are run. It is recommended that the Model Constitution is adopted to begin with.

4.5 There are likely to be changes within the Third Age Trust. Lin Jonas retires after the Conference. At present Lin answers all queries but this is likely to change with several people being available as contacts each with particular areas of expertise.

4.6 As the Chairman is elected annually Pam Jones is seeking re-election. TVN U3As are encouraged to vote for Pam. It is felt that this annual election is not helpful in regard to this position, TVN can discuss and look at ways forward but only individual U3As can put forward a resolution to Conference.

4.7 A number of information flyers and brochures were available for Aylesbury Theatre re Theatre groups and Windsor U3A (Gilbert and Sullivan).

5. Treasurer's Report:

5.1 Agnes Budagovska circulated copies of the **TVN Account Summary** for the period 1st January 2015 to 15th December 2015 plus a list of the study days.

Some of the study days had been repeated due to the high level of interest, Culham had been over-subscribed while some events showed a deficit due to the venue reducing the numbers accepted at the event.

No affiliation fee will be levied this year.

The TVN account summary for March 2016 was also presented showing income of £1830.50 for new study days. Monies in hand £2985.50 and cash available £6992.47

Derek Randall had checked the ledger and deemed it correct.

Agnes has the Monthly accounts available for inspection.

Asked why the annual accounts were to 15th Dec. and not 31st Dec. Agnes said there was no change in the accounts between those dates.

Geoff Young (Aylesbury Vale) proposed that the Treasurer's Report and Accounts be accepted; Fay Sinai (Abingdon) seconded this proposal, which was agreed unanimously.

5.2 Agnes made a request that all cheques paid out be cashed within the six month period allowed. The TVN Committee had agreed that if cheques are out of date the money will be treated as a donation to TVN.

6. Elections of committee members:

A new Chairman needs to be elected. Susie Berry is prepared to take up this role. With no other candidates coming forward Geoff Young (Aylesbury Vale) proposed Susie be elected as Chairman, seconded by Margaret Sherrington (West Oxford) and carried unanimously.

Avis Furness has agreed to stand as Vice-chairman and is prepared to be Chairman when the time comes.

Fay Sinai (Abingdon) proposed that Avis be elected as Vice-chairman, seconded by Val Young (Aylesbury Vale) and carried unanimously.

Derek Randall has indicated that he is prepared to join the Committee. Mike Price proposed that Derek be elected as a committee member, seconded by Sandra Matthews (Greater Thames) and agreed unanimously.

All other committee members continue in post.

7. Resolutions:

None received

8. AOB: i) a report from Hilvary Robinson (Regional trustee) was read by Susie. She apologised for not being at the meeting and thanked Mike for all he had brought to the TVN as Chairman and offered congratulations as our TVN is referred to as a model network. Currently interviews are taking place to find and appoint a new CEO of the Third Age Trust.

Mike responded by saying that the Network is all about sharing experiences and moving forward.

The AGM closed at 11.30 a.m.