

Barmouth U3A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 May 2016

Arts Room, Dragon Theatre, Barmouth

In the Chair: Alan Vincent, who thanked all those present for coming.

Present: 21 members.

Apologies: Wendy and Rod Bramley, Sylvia Heyworth, John and Patricia Percival, John Puddle.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2015 had been circulated to members with the notice of this meeting and were approved by a show of hands.

Vice-Chairman's Report

Alan reminded members that he had now reached the end of the 4th year of his three year term in office. During the past year, as no one had stepped forward to replace him, he had fulfilled the duties of Chairman whilst officially being the Vice-Chairman. The post of Chair is still vacant and it will now be up to the Committee to decide how to proceed.

. Alan continued

“Although it has been difficult to recruit officers and Committee members, our membership continues to creep upwards and at the end of March we reached a record 126 members with a couple more promised. This number includes seven new members. We welcome them and hope they will stay with us for some time. The strength of our group lies, not just in the Committee, but perhaps more particularly in our Group leaders, without whom our activities would not happen. So, once again can I mention them and say thank you to them all for the work they put in: Wendy – Badminton and Short Net Tennis, Sylvia - Book Group, Christina – Bridge, Peter – Discussion and Walking, Rhiannon – Lunch Group, Jacqui - Monthly Meeting Speakers, Jean – Needlecraft –(Jean has recently moved to Llandudno and we wish her well) Evelyn – Singing for Fun and now Hometown History, John and Trish – Strollers, Geraldine – Table Tennis and the co-ordinating role and production of the diary. The Film Group, which I run, is under review because of its costs, I find it is great to watch a film on the new big screen but unless we can increase the attendance we will be unable to continue past July – so – 25th May come along to see Orson Welles as *Citizen Kane*.

Thanks also to all the other members who come along to help informally at Group meetings and/or as stand-ins for the Group leaders.

Last week I attended the All Wales Conference, this time in Aberystwyth. The subject was Communication and the event was like the curate's egg – good in parts, but these occasions are a chance to meet many other officers from branches all across Wales and, over all, I enjoyed the day.

I said last year that I felt the U3A's profile has been raised within the town and it is now recognised as an important element of the community. This is demonstrated by our involvement in and support of the Barmouth Services Project – an Open Day for which is being held tomorrow and should be well worth attending.

Lastly: Norma and Bronwen are stepping down from the committee after having worked extremely hard for the past six years and I thank them both for their efforts. I also say thanks to Christina, our Treasurer, and Marie who produces the minutes for all our meetings. We do need new committee members so please think about getting involved and help keep this U3A active.”

The meeting expressed its thanks to Alan for taking on the Chairman's role for an extra year by giving him a hearty round of applause.

Treasurer's Report

Christina presented the end of year accounts and answered questions from the floor. She drew attention to the fact that she had transferred £437 from the Savings Account to the Current Account to cover the shortfalls when group income did not cover room rents, but pointed out that the overall situation remains static, the deficit being very close to last year's.

Christina warned that rents for the Dragon Theatre and rooms had increased this month, but the balance of £3002.17 in the Savings Account was healthy enough to avoid the need to increase the annual subscription.

The accounts had been independently examined by Denise Bott, and were approved by a show of hands.

Election of Committee

Re-elected for 3 years by a show of hands:

Peter Leyden and Evelyn Richardson.

Election of Officers

Chairman:) No nominations received . Referred to Committee.

Vice Chairman:)

Business Secretary)

Treasurer: Christina Cook – Re-elected for one year.

Alan said he would break down the list of tasks which needed to be done to keep Barmouth U3A going, in the hope that volunteers would come forward to share in the necessary tasks.

Vote of Thanks

Val Vine proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers, which was accepted unanimously.