

Barmouth U3A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10 May 2017

Parlwr Mawr, Barmouth

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

Present: 17 members.

Apologies: Wendy and Rod Bramley, Glenys Lawson, Betty Oliver, John Puddle, Christine Rodgers, Marilyn Woodley.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016 had been circulated to members with the notice of this meeting. It was proposed by Evelyn Richardson and seconded by David Holloway that the minutes be approved .

Chairman's Report

Alan reminded members that he had now reached the end of the SIXTH year of his THREE years in office. He is STILL fulfilling the role of Chairman with the faint hope that someday someone else will give it a go..

. Alan continued

Membership for 2016-7 matched that of the previous year at 126. There are always leavers and joiners and in 2016-7 we welcomed a total of 18 new members. So far, in 2017-8, 100 members have renewed and there will be a few laggards when we can pin them down, so it looks as if our membership activity continues on a fairly solid base. This number includes three members for whom this will be their first year. We welcome them and hope they 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, Glenys - Book Group, Christina – Bridge, Peter – Discussion and Walking, Rhiannon – Lunch Group ,Jacqui -Monthly Meeting Speakers,– 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. Evelyn with Chris Kingshott have started a “Let’s Write” group, so we are looking forward to seeing their finished work.

The Film Group, in the end, had to close because we could not make the finances work, but I have started an IT/Tech group to help users get to grips with all things technical. I think those who have attended have found it helpful.

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.

Danny and Geraldine are stepping down from the committee. They have both worked extremely hard over a number of years and I thank them both for their efforts. Danny, of

course, will be leaving for “foreign parts” later this year and we wish him well in his new life over the border. (northern, not western).

. I would also like to 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 to 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. Although there had been a small deficit of £45.11p, the financial position was a little better than last year. There was a healthy balance of over £3000 in the Savings Account; The U3A was holding the final balance from the closure of the Literary and Debating Society which had been transferred to the U3A as had been agreed by the last remaining officers of the Lit. & Deb. The U3A has undertaken to hold a designated Lit & Deb event each year, at least until 2019 to mark the Lit & Deb Centenary.

The accounts had been independently examined by Denise Bott, Carolyn Evans proposed that the accounts be approved and. Val Vine seconded the motion.

Election of Committee

Christina Cook, Jaccqui Puddle and Alan Vincent were re-elected for 3 years and

Chris Kingshott (a new member) was elected for 3 years

Approved by a show of hands.

Election of Officers

Chairman:) No nominations received . Referred to Committee.

Vice Chairman:)

Business Secretary)

Treasurer Christina Cook – Re-elected for one year :
Proposed by Sylvia Heyworth and seconded by Geraldine Vincent

Vote of Thanks

Val Vine proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers and Committee members, which was approved unanimously by a show of hands

