

Lincoln Bailgate U3A
AGM
16th April 2024
Nightingale Rooms

1. WELCOME

In the absence of the Chair, Angela Pullen, Group Co-ordinator took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 44 attendees including the Committee, sufficient for a quorum.

2. APOLOGIES

Tony Wass - Chair

Derek Cottrell - Vice Chair and Website Manager

Melody Cottrell

3. MINUTES OF 2023 AGM AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes had been circulated to all members. There were two objections from the floor: 1) a claim that a question re finances had been omitted, and 2) that the offers to act as speaker finders should be removed because they were made after the AGM. It was suggested that an addendum would be added to the minutes to clarify those matters, which was accepted. A point of clarification was raised regarding the name of Lincoln Bailgate, agreed at the 2023 AGM, whilst the national website showed the group as Bailgate (Lincoln). The Chair said she would look into the discrepancy, though it was pointed out that having the addition of Lincoln in the group's name had in any case proved beneficial in attracting new members.

The acceptance of the minutes as a true record of the meeting was proposed by Graem Preston, seconded by Bill Neighbour, and supported by a vote of members.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT was read out - see attached.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT was read out - see attached.

The Treasurer Dave Hunt elucidated the Statement of Accounts and explained that income was slightly over expenditure for 2023-4. We have absorbed the increase in capitation fee of 50p per head over the past two years. When asked about the closeness of the end of the financial year to the AGM, he said that the committee had considered alternative options, but had decided against them. He also explained that in the coming year there would be more expenditure due to a new website and the committee was considering a management information system which would add to costs, along with increases in speaker fees and room hire.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report - proposed by Pam Simpson, seconded by Joan Foord and supported by a vote of members.

6. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

One of our members, Felicity Robertson, has agreed to audit our accounts.

7. CONSTITUTION

No proposed changes, as covered in the Chairman's Annual Report.

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of seven nominees had been circulated Angela Pullen, Margaret Chegwiddden,

Christine Elsmore, Jill Allen, Michele Murphy, Graem Preston, Gill Datta. More nominations were invited. Roles will be decided at the first committee meeting, as per our Constitution. The motion to accept the new committee was proposed by Baz Aveyard, seconded by Kath Hunt, and supported by a vote of members.

9. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP FEES

The committee felt that there was a need to increase the membership fee to £18 for 2025/6 for reasons outlined by the Treasurer. Proposed by Gill Datta, seconded by Wendy Parkinson. There was an alternative proposal to increase it to £20: by Pam Simpson, seconded by Peter Elsmore. The membership voted 20:13 in favour of £18

10. NEW WEBSITE

Derek Cottrell will continue to work on the transition though no longer on the committee. Help would be welcomed from members with the requisite expertise.

11. NEW VENUE

As we are no longer able to use the Nightingale Rooms from May, we have secured Our Lady of Lincoln Church Hall, Laughton Way, LN2 2HE, for our monthly meetings.

Volunteers will be needed to help set out and clear away chairs, but it was agreed refreshments would not be provided. Proposal to go ahead with the hire of the room: Gill Roe, seconded by Pam Simpson, and supported by a vote of members.

It was suggested that we consider obtaining our own audio equipment for Speakers' presentations, and keep the £2 entrance fee to help cover the extra cost. The membership were in agreement.

12. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring committee members. She reminded members that Tony Wass had offered to stand for 1 year in 2021 to save Bailgate U3A from closure. Dave Hunt had served 6 years as Treasurer, and the contributions of Derek and Melody Cottrell had been invaluable.

Pam Simpson was also thanked and given a gift from participants of this year's successful Annual Trip.

MEETING CLOSED at 2.50pm

Attachments:

Chairman's Annual Report

Financial Report

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2023/2024

First of all I wish to apologize for not being present in person.

I would like to thank the Committee members for all their work and support during this last year. We are losing 3 members of the Committee as well as myself. Dave, Derek and Mel have been good committee members over the past years and I would thank them on your behalf for all their work. I would also like to thank the 3 members that volunteered to be speaker finders last year. I would remind members that committee members give up their time voluntarily. We have the framework of a good committee for the coming year but do need extra committee members and I would emphasize that new members to the group are most welcome to join the Committee. We have around 76 members, similar to last year, but we have more active members than last year and are attracting new members most months.

Overall the group is functioning well. We have our monthly meetings with speakers and have 18 interest groups. Attendance at our monthly meetings has picked up slowly, and hopefully will continue to improve. Our Xmas social followed last year's format and was well attended. The annual holiday trip organized by Pam Simpson was once again appreciated.

This year the committee has discussed at length the model constitution drawn up by the national organization. We think that there are merits and demerits in accepting it, but we are a very small group and it seems that it puts more work on to the committee. We have therefore decided that at present we will not be recommending adoption.

I leave the position of Chairman with the group in a good financial position, with a working committee and a stable membership. I hope that the group will continue to grow and express my best wishes for the future.

Tony Wass
Chairman
5th April 2024

BAILGATE U3A TREASURERS REPORT YEAR ENDING 31-3-24

BANK	FLOAT/PETTYCASH	TOTAL 31-3-23
£1848.81	£37.53	£1886.34

INCOME

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	£1483.50
MONTHLY MEETINGS	£805.00
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	£250
DONATION TO NEO NATAL UNIT	£16
TOTAL	£2554.50

EXPENDITURE

RENT	£360
CATERING/CARETAKER	£808
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	£387.15
SPEAKERS	£388.40
U3A SUBSCRIPTION	£304
SUNDRIES	£82.53
TOTAL	£2330.08

BANK	FLOAT/PETTY CASH	TOTAL 31-3-2024
£2123.23	£37.53	£2160.76
- £50	PAYMENT OUT PENDING	

MEMBERSHIP 23/24 76 FULL 9 ASSOCIATE

MEMBERSHIP 24/25 TO DATE 72 FULL 2 ASSOCIATE

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE £224.42

