

Northern Ireland Regional Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018 at 1.30pm
in Grosvenor House, Belfast

AGENDA

1. Apologies/Welcome
2. Chairman's comments
3. Minutes of last meeting 19th October
4. Matters arising
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Up-date on Singfest
8. AGM May 2018 - preparations/nominations
9. Report from TAT re the latest on Legal matters/data protection
10. Trustees Report
11. AOB
12. Date of next meeting

Present Lila Jackson, Gabrielle Deans, Marjorie Ringland, Brian Turnbull, Karen Shaw, Alan Walbridge, Bernadette Harvey,

In Attendance: Rosemary Bradley Regional Trustee NI, Mavis Turner Regional Volunteer

1. **Apologies:**

Des Rawlings, Irene Orr, Adam Harbinson

2. **Chairman's Comments**

Lila wished everyone a Happy New Year, and congratulated Gabrielle on being awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List. Gabrielle thanked everyone for their kindness

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

were read and deemed accurate. Karen proposed and Alan seconded, all agreed.

4. **Matters arising**

Marjorie asked if the money ringfenced for the 2019 Summer School would be returned to the account when it was no longer needed, and Lila said that would be the case.

5. Secretary's report

Gabrielle reported on the Network Link workshop held in the Wesley Hotel, London which she had attended on 22 November along with Rosemarie Bradley. Over 40 U3A members along with most of the Third Age Trust officers and staff were there, representing regions and groupings from all parts of the UK. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways of improving communications between these groups and also with TAT. Ian McCannah chaired the meeting, and made a brief presentation, setting out salient points. There was a lively discussion and exchange of ideas, and there will be another meeting in early May.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Marjorie reported that the balance in the account was £3476.94 (which includes £2000 already ringfenced for use at Summer School 2019) and there are no outstanding bills. She will produce a full statement of accounts for the AGM.

7. Update on Songfest 2018

Karen reported that all arrangements are in hand, including an offer for an overnight stay in the hotel, So far only one group has submitted their song list to East Antrim U3A. She said that with so many groups attending it was vital that all groups stick to their allotted time slot of 15 minutes.

8. AGM nominations/preparations

Shimna U3A will host the AGM on 16th May. As some U3As do not have monthly meetings after Easter, it was agreed that an early reminder would be sent out during February. The posts of Chair, Vice- Chair and Secretary will become vacant this year and nominations are needed for all three, as well as 2-3 more committee members.

There will also be a reminder of the EGM being held in Birmingham University on 21st March, to vote on changes to the future structure of the Third Age Trust. For those not attending the EGM postal/proxy voting is possible.

9. GDPR information from TAT

Lila had sent out a letter to all U3As in NI re the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation, which will become law on 25th May and replace the current Data Protection Act 1998. There will be 2 workshops held in Leeds and Surrey which all U3As are encouraged to attend, but Lila has asked that a workshop be held here in NI and Rosemarie will put this request to NEC when she attends a meeting in London next week. There is information available on the TAT website, and on the Northern Ireland Office website also.

10.Trustee's report

Rosemarie Bradley presented her report which is attached. The main points are as follows:-

- Attendance at various NEC meetings.
- A Devoted Service Certificate was presented to Margaret Franklin at East Antrim's monthly meeting.
- There will be a follow-up meeting in London on 28th February for those who attended the Regional Volunteer training on 27th October, and an updated Volunteer policy is being prepared by Sam Mauger.
- Rosemarie and Gabrielle attended the Network Link meeting as reported previously. One delegate from each network/grouping will attend the next meeting on 1st May.
- "Keeping it Legal" workshop for the Northern Area will be held in Leeds on 13th February and bursaries are available for U3As with limited resources who wish to send members.

11.AOB

- Bernadette Harvey asked if anyone had agreed to take on a Regional Quiz, but no-one has offered so far.
- Karen Shaw said that East Antrim intend putting on some one-day workshops/events during this summer, details to follow.
- Help is needed to begin planning Summer School 2019, and a letter will be sent out to all U3As soon.

12.Next meeting

will take place on Wednesday 7th March 2018

Meeting ended at 3 20pm