

# Northern Ireland Regional Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 1.30pm  
in Grosvenor House, Belfast

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## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Trustee's Report
6. Arrangements for Autumn Meeting 2017
7. Update on Singfest 2018/ AGM 2018
8. Any Other Business
9. Date of next meeting

**Present** Lila Jackson, Gabrielle Deans, Des Rawlings, Brian Turnbull, Alan Walbridge, Marjorie Ringland, Karen Shaw

**In Attendance:** Rosemary Bradley Regional Trustee NI, Mavis Turner, Irene Orr, Adam Harbinson

**1. Apologies:** Bernie Harvey

Lila welcomed Adam Harbinson (ND& A) as an observer

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Were read by Gabrielle and were deemed accurate. Alan proposed, Marjorie seconded and all agreed

**3. Matters Arising**

Item 6 – Lila recommended that more members be included in the team for Summer School 2019, preferably from early in 2018 to discuss ideas, speakers, venue etc.

**4. Treasurer's report** Marjorie reported that :-

the current balance in No 1 account was £3599.72;

profit from the Summer School was £1954.64

from AGM was £124 15

The annual returns to the Charity Commission have been completed.

**5. Trustee's report** is attached, but the main points are:-

TAT offices are now located in central London at Lant Street with accommodation for small meetings onsite.

U3APLUS is being set up and Chris Evans is visiting the Province soon and would like to meet up with local groups.

The Legal Helpline has been discontinued due to under usage.

Beacon System: there is an online Forum to help with questions and difficulties

The allocation of the Budget for Regional purposes is under discussion at present.

The team tasked with looking at “Future Structure of Third Age Trust” has presented its report.

Work is ongoing to create “Network Links” and there are plans to hold a meeting on 21 November in Central London.

**6. Arrangements for Autumn Meeting**

Des and Brian will look after registration and Marjorie will collect fees where necessary; Mavis will make out name badges for all attendees. It was decided that we would ask Grosvenor House to supply a hot & cold finger buffet for lunch, with vegetarian options as necessary.

It was confirmed that the meeting would take place in the main room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, while registration, morning coffee and lunch would be in the Main Hall. The committee viewed the room and discussed seating, AV, sound system etc. with Norman (Grosvenor House staff)

**7. Update on Singfest and AGM 2018**

Karen confirmed the Singfest date as Wednesday 25th April 2018 and the venue is the LoughShore Hotel Carrickfergus.

Lila confirmed that the AGM is on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, hosted by Shimna U3A and the venue is the Community Cinema in Newcastle Co Down.

**8. AOB**

After some discussion, a proposal was put forward that £2000 be ringfenced to allow for future Summer School expenses which need to be paid ahead of the event. Lila pointed out that all such events should be self- funding, and this is only a “safety-net” amount. Proposed by Karen, seconded by Brian and all agreed

Gabrielle asked if there were plans for a Bridge Congress in 2018 and Des confirmed that Joy Montgomery (Holywood U3A) is already organizing it for January 2018. Interested parties should get in touch with her.

Gabrielle asked if any U3A would be interested in organizing the inter-U3A quiz next year in February or March. Members of the Executive were asked to discuss this at their monthly meetings.

**9. Date of next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3 40pm