

**MINUTES OF THE 8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2016
AT EASTWOOD HALL CONFERENCE CENTRE, EASTWOOD HALL, EASTWOOD, NOTTINGHAM NG16 3SS**

PRESENT:	Rita Foulkes (Acting Chairman & Treasurer), Richard Johnston, Pat Reeve, (Assistants to the Acting Chairman), Margaret Taylor (Minute Taker), Stephne Tewson (Back-up Minute Taker), Jane Pavier (Regional Trustee) and representatives from 43 U3As
1	Rita Foulkes welcomed everyone to the AGM explaining that Hilary Wells, the Chairman and Phil Grace, the Secretary had resigned. As there was no provision for a Vice-Chairman and she had only recently taken on the role of Treasurer, as the only Officer she would be the Acting Chairman for this AGM. She thanked the other members for their assistance. Apologies were received from Pam Berry, Rainworth U3A and Dinah Knupp, Northampton U3A.
2	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 29th JULY 2015 It was noted that the only correction to the Minutes was “Many” should have been “Mandy” Topp. The Minutes were proposed by John Tyerman of Branston U3A to be correct, seconded by Geoff Belk, Ilkeston U3A. The voting members unanimously agreed.
3	TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT & APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF THE 2016/2017 ACCOUNTS Rita Foulkes had circulated the accounts prior to the AGM. Rita read out a report from the previous Treasurer, a copy of which is available from the Secretary upon request. There were no issues raised with the accounts which were proposed by Bill Rayner of Sleaford U3A and seconded by Alan Morris of West Bridgford U3A. The voting members unanimously agreed. Rita Foulkes proposed Christine Thomson be appointed as the Independent Examiner of the Accounts which was seconded by Pat Reeve, Northampton U3A. The voting members unanimously agreed.
4	TO CONSIDER ANNUAL REPORTS
a)	<u>Chairman’s Report.</u> This had been circulated prior to the AGM. Ann Smyth of Rutland U3A proposed acceptance and Jenny Greaves, Keyworth U3A seconded. . The voting members unanimously agreed.
b)	<u>Regional Trustee’s Report.</u> This had been circulated prior to the AGM. Jeremy Lloyd of Sherwood U3A proposed acceptance and Joe White of Grantham U3A seconded. The voting members unanimously agreed.
	Rita Foulkes explained that Items 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 still needed to be considered as at this point the Association and Regional Representative Council still existed so Officers would be required to be in place should Agenda Item 9 be rejected.
5	TO NOTE NOMINATION FOR TREASURER Rita Foulkes of Sherwood U3A was the only nomination.
6	TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN As no nominations had been received, Pat Reeve of Northampton U3A agreed to act as the temporary Chairman until Christmas 2016. Alan Morris, West Bridgford U3A proposed acceptance, seconded by David Kyle of South Leicestershire. All voting members unanimously agreed.
7	TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY As no nominations had been received, Margaret Taylor of Sherwood U3A agreed to act as the temporary Secretary until Christmas 2016. Jeremy Lloyd, Sherwood U3A proposed acceptance, seconded by Jenny Greaves of Keyworth U3A. All voting members unanimously agreed.
8	TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY As no nominations had been received, Stephne Tewson of Northampton U3A agreed to be co-opted as Margaret Taylor’s temporary assistant until Christmas 2016. Ann Smyth, Rutland U3A, proposed acceptance, seconded by Alan Morris, West Bridgford U3A. All voting members unanimously agreed.
	Representatives listed on the Agenda were noted.
9	TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION Rita Foulkes explained that the amendments to the Constitution still need to be considered as at the moment the Association and Regional Representative Council still existed and the new RRC would be ready to operate should agenda Item 9 to dissolve the Association be rejected. The proposal to amend Clause 11.1 needed to be passed, otherwise the Association cannot be dissolved if this is decided.
	<u>Proposal 1 – Networks and Lincolnshire</u> The voting members were asked to cast their votes on this proposal. There was 1 against, 42 for and no abstentions.
	<u>Proposal 2 – Assistant Secretary</u> The voting members agreed unanimously.
	<u>Proposal 3 – Vice-Chairman</u> This was explained that if the Chairman was not in attendance a Representative attending the meeting would be asked to “Chair” the meeting. The voting members agreed unanimously.
	<u>Proposal 4 – Removal of Clause 11.1</u> The voting members were asked to vote on the removal of 11.1 and replace it with the suggestion by Lin Jonas. There was 1 against, 42 for and no abstentions.

10	<p>MOTION – “THE AGM INSTRUCTS THE RRC TO INITIATE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND COMPLETE THE PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 31ST MARCH 2017</p> <p>The Motion was explained by the RRC who now believe that the present and future structure of Third Age Trust and the U3A that the Association of East Midlands U3As can no longer play an integral or effective role which is relevant to the time and finances required. The proposal recommended that the AGM agreed to the disbandment of the Association of East Midlands U3As. Acceptance of the proposal would enable the RRC to carry out the following activities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The RRC would review all aspects of its present activities and ensure appropriate closure. b) The RRC would review and confirm all assets and liabilities and ensure appropriate disposal. c) The RRC in conjunction with the Regional Trustee would review all activities for the constituency of the East Midlands to ensure processes and procedures are in place for any future requirements. d) A full and final report would be made to the constituent U3As. <p>There was much discussion on this Motion with feelings running high with some of the delegates. Members were asked to vote. 21 voting members were for the motion to be carried, 18 members were against and there were 4 abstentions. Therefore the Motion was narrowly defeated as two thirds majority of the votes was needed for the motion to be successful.</p>
11	<p>There was no ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>

The meeting closed at 4pm with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th November 2016.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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