

Harrogate District

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at
Council Chambers, Harrogate Borough Council
Offices, Crescent Gardens Harrogate, HG1 2SG
26th March 2015



1. Welcome and introductions

Anthony Kerr, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillor Ian Galloway, Councillor David Good and Reverend Trevor Dixon for attending.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Agreed: proposed Josie Chapman, seconded Reverend Dixon.

3. Report of activities of Forum

Anthony reported on the year and identified the successes of the Forum. Membership has grown to 250, all Forum meetings have been very well attended with up to 75 people on occasion; the many and varied social events have been well supported; the website continues to grow and provide a very useful source of information; a special feature of the year has been the development of the quarterly newsletter, "The Voice" which goes out to all members.

HDOFF is becoming more widely known as indicated by opportunities and invitations to hold a stall at various events. The Forum celebrated International Older People's Day for the first time with a display stand in the library and a film show in Henshaw's Centre.

The Forum has also continued to strengthen its links with other organisations and individuals including: North Yorkshire Older Peoples Forum, Supporting Older People, Harrogate Borough Council, Health Watch, Ripon and Harrogate Council for Voluntary

Service, Harrogate Hospital Trust, Patients Reference Groups and Carers Time Off.

Anthony finished by saying that he was looking forward to next year and building on what has already been achieved.

3. Financial Report

John Dorman, Treasurer, circulated the financial report which detailed income and expenditure and current bank balance of £1281.29

4. Election of members to the Management Committee

8 Members of the committee put themselves forward for re-election.

1. Susan Hobbs
2. Ann Hill
3. Anthony Kerr
4. Michael Ellenor
5. John Dorman
6. Jane Malster
7. Pat Booth
8. Christine Boxall

Lorna Jolley resigned from the Committee

Three people were put forward to join the committee:

Reverent Trevor Dixon

Tanya Whitemore

Christine Scofield

Anthony Kerr, the current Chair of the Forum, indicated that he would not be standing for re-election. A new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at the first Management Committee Meeting to be held on 7th April at 10.00 am at Asda

5. Forthcoming events

Lunch club meeting on the @ 12.30 14th April at LeD2

Election Hustings 2 - 4 pm 21st April at St Paul's Church

Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park 7th May

Trip to Cragside 17th June

Trip to Whitby on the North York Moor Railway 9th July

Further trips are in the process of being organised to cover the remaining months of the year

Dates and venues of next Forum meeting

21st May 2- 4pm at St Paul's Church Harrogate on the subject of safety and security in the home and outside.

Anthony Kerr, outgoing Chair was thanked for his work over the last year.

The Formal meeting was followed by a discussion about Age Discrimination and covered by the Harrogate Advertiser.