Minutes of the University of the Third Age in Carrick, Annual General Meeting.

15th April 2026 at the Perranwell Centre at 10.30am

1. The Chair, Lesley Parsons, welcomed the 108 members present and thanked them for attending; this made the meeting quorate. There would be some items to vote on and a Proposal that was not on the agenda. The Chair asked if anyone present had an issue with this. There were none.

2. **Apologies:**
Roger Furse, Barrie Cornish, Bernadette Bailey, Mike Walker, Patrick Houghton, Julia Wainsmith, Jane Burge, John and Ros Simpson, Lin and Alan Palmer, Alex Pascoe, John Heath, Mary Jarvis, Roger Preston, Kate and Mike Townesend, Caz Chivers, Ros McLaughlin, Catherine Best, David Potter, Mary Smith, Jan Ball, Laraine Sowden, Helen and John Whomesley, John Wade, John Evers, Hilary and Andrew Julian, Liz Grant, Deborah Andrews, Michele Couper, Eric Rabjohns, Jean Brassett, Anne Bartlett, Gill Widdison, Clive Austin, Roy Goodman, June Caddy, Stephanie Gardner, Maureen Gilbert, Cheryl Veal.

3 **Minutes of the AGM held on 9th April 2025:**
The minutes were published in the March 2026 newsletter. Proposed by the Chair, Seconded Hilary Harrod and agreed unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising:**
None

5. **Report from the Chair for the year 2025 -26:**
Lesley Parsons reported on a very successful and busy year. A couple of groups had ceased to operate for various reasons but new ones had started. Lesley commended the committee for their hard work and introduced them all, explaining their roles on the committee. Lesley then went on to thank Mark Breach as Newsletter editor and the Website team of Angela Shields, Keith Davies and Malcom Clark. A special thank you went to the Group Leaders with a round of applause, new group ideas would always be welcomed. Lesley highlighted the coming Open morning at Pendennis Community Centre where 24 groups will be represented. This would take place on 18th April.
There would be a monthly meeting on Thursday 16th with a speaker talking about ‘Playing Places’.
The committee would all stand down at this meeting. The Secretary and Membership Secretary were not standing for re- election but members had come forward to take their places and had shadowed the roles with a view to election today. Another member had offered to assist the treasurer. These three members had been co-opted recently.
The Chair wished to propose an alteration to the Constitution to allow the committee to consist of 5 Officers plus a further 10 elected members and a further 3 co-opted members when necessary.
This was proposed by Lesley Parsons and seconded by Jean King. The meeting voted unanimously for the proposal with none against.

6. **Membership Secretary’s report:**
Bob Williams introduced himself.
At present there are 729 members including 112 new members this year, hopefully with all the publicity efforts this will further increase.
We pay a £4 subscription per member to the Third Age Trust included in the annual Carrick subscription.

Bob said he was seeking re-election to assist the new Membership Secretary and continue with some of the other duties that he had taken on.
It was hoped that members would collect their new cards at Monthly meetings and other larger gatherings to save the cost of postage.
New membership cards, when issued, will have the new website password active from 1st June.
Newsletters are free by email and on the members section of the website. At present 93 members request a printed copy which is posted, the postage cost will rise to £10.92 this year. Carrick Argus is only available by email or the website.
The cost of postage for Third Age Matters will rise this year to £4.20.
Bob emphasised the importance of letting him know of any change of communication details.
He further thanked Mark Breach and Jenny Fulleylove who collects and prepares newsletters for distribution, also the webteam of Angela, Keith and Malcolm.

7. **Treasurer's Report:**
The Treasurer presented her accounts, which had been previously published. The balances were healthy but without the gift aid, donations and fundraising activities there would have been a deficit.
Certain monies were kept as a reserve but the costs were ever increasing and the banks had recently introduced a service charge for cheque and cash payments. The u3a account was also classed as a business account which may cause some confusion when using BACCs payments. The accounts had been independently examined and found to be in order.
The treasurer asked for a proposer: Jay Goodman and Seconder: Mary Duke, The accounts were agreed.

8**. Committee proposal to raise the subscription to £32 per annum:**
Bob Williams presented the proposal in order to maintain the healthy state of finances in these uncertain times. The cost of venues was increasing and it was felt small annual increases more acceptable to members than a large increase at a later stage. Seconded by Nick Parsons and agreed by all, with 1 against. The cost represented 62p per week. New members invariably stated 'is that all.'

9**. Vote of Thanks:**
The Chair explained that officers served for 2 years and general committee members for 1 year but it had so happened that all the committee were required to stand down this year.
The Secretary was not seeking re-election having served a number of years, Gillian was presented with a gift of thanks for her service.
Bob Williams would retire as membership secretary but was seeking re-election to assist the incoming membership secretary.
David Westby, who regularly contributes drawings to the Argus, presented each committee member with a framed drawing for which he received a vote of thanks.

10. **Election of general committee members:**
Nominees withdrew whilst voting took place
Nominations had been received for all Officer posts and 9 General committee members. The election was conducted by show of hands by the retiring Secretary:

Officers were all elected unanimously:
Chair: Lesley Parsons, Vice Chair: Sue Hutt, General Secretary: Janine McKay
Treasurer: Jenny Fulleylove, Membership Secretary: Kay Gautry.

General Committee members were also elected unanimously:
Dee Cope, John Wallace, Ric Reilly, Mike Rogers, Patsy Ross, Lesley Vingoe, Diane Foster, Kate Townesend, Bob Williams.

11. **Allow the committee to appoint an independent examiner:**
Proposed by Lesley Parsons, seconded Helen Reilly: agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 11.20am

No issues had been identified earlier in the meeting

Gina Townsend conducted the Charity Lottery
1st Prize Sharon Rogers 2nd Prize Tina Barton 3rd Prize Ray Strugnell
The meeting was informed that from April the prize fund would rise to 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5 with a larger prize pot later in the year at a social gathering.

Judy Moseley gave a short presentation to members concerning the annual Manor House Hotel trip, which though not a u3a trip had traditionally been open to u3a members. Judy had agreed to run the event next spring from 1st to 5th March. Judy thanked Brenda Williams who had run the event for the last few years.