

**ILLINGWORTH AND BRADSHAW L.A. GROUP
MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Meeting held at 2 pm on 23rd September 2014 at Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

Chaired by Jean Butler

Minutes taken by Irene Mulhall

Members and Guests Attending: There were 30 members plus invited guests attending.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIR: Jean Butler welcomed everyone to the AGM and read the Aims of the Group which are:

1. *To offer the older members of the community in Illingworth and Bradshaw and surrounding areas a range of activities and classes.*
2. *To offer members opportunities :*
 - a. *For social interaction*
 - b. *To promote wellbeing and good health*
 - c. *To share knowledge and skills.*
3. *To reach out to the older community and to be inclusive and accessible to all.*

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

From Group Members: Marian Bishop, Barbara Craven, Linda Guy, Ken Lambert, Sue & Roger Merriman, Sybil Moppett, Irene Patterson & Marlene Sandland.

From Invited Guests: Marsha Clarke, Anne Louise Doherty, Paula Prosser, Sue Watson, Peter Butterworth, Elizabeth Brook, Cllr Lisa Lambert.

3. MINUTES OF THE SECOND AGM HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2013: Copies of the Minutes had been circulated to all members and copies were available at the meeting. The Chair asked if everyone had seen a copy and asked for a proposer and a seconder that the Minutes were a true record of the meeting. Rose Grant proposed and Joan Taylor seconded.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Irene Mulhall read the Secretary's Report. Lawrence Ackroyd proposed and Brian Sinnett seconded that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Rita Parkin read the Treasurer's Report which showed the group had a balance of £5,395.92. Audrey Reid proposed and Brenda Greenwood seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE: At this point all the Committee stood down. Nomination forms had been circulated widely at all the activities requesting that people either nominate themselves or someone else to serve on the Committee. There were ten places on the Committee and eight nomination forms had been submitted. Jean Butler asked if there was anyone present who would come forward to serve on the Committee and Sylvia Drake, who had previously served during the year 2013 offered to fill one place. With nine out of the ten positions filled there was no need to take a vote. Jean Butler read out the names of the new committee

members which were as follows: Jean Butler (Chair), Rita Parkin (Treasurer), Irene Mulhall (Secretary), Rose Grant (Membership Secretary), Anne Lees, Brian Sinnett, Joan Taylor, Gordon Heron and Sylvia Drake. The acceptance of the above was proposed by Lawrence Ackroyd and seconded by Fran Prince. (*Sue Merriman, who was not present at the AGM later volunteered to join the Committee to bring it to its full complement*).

There were no objections. The Chair thanked all Committee Members who worked so hard to keep the group going and welcomed Sylvia Drake back onto the Committee.

7. VISITORS' REMARKS:

Paul Mansley (Calderdale Council's Neighbourhood Scheme) thanked the Committee for inviting him and for the opportunity to say how impressed he continued to be with the group's growth and success since the launch on 30th March 2012 by Beth Maiden from his team. He went on to explain how the Neighbourhood Team were getting more involved with health issues through the Clinical Commissioning Group and more emphasis was being placed on prevention of illnesses. To this end "Staying Well" had been launched as a pilot scheme in our area and the Threeways Centre at The Ridings was to be its base. The team would link with surgeries to identify and help channel people, who had a potential need, into activities. He touched briefly on Calderdale Forum 50+ telling that well over a third of the community of Calderdale are over the age of 50. The aim would be to develop a network of people to see just what is needed.

Jean Butler thanked Paul for the information he had given.

Jean Butler told those present about the Christmas Dinner to be held on 3rd December 2014 and copies of the menu were available for members to take away.

8. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, 22nd September 2015.

At the close of the business meeting Jean Butler introduced Martin Longbottom, District Commissioner for Scouts. Young Leaders from the Northowram Scout group, lead by Christine Whitaker who is a Great Britain Qualified Instructor in Archery (*and daughter of one of our members*) had given LA Group members the opportunity to have three Taster Session in Archery during August. The Young Leaders had so impressed our '*would be archers*' that they had asked if they could make a donation to the five young people who were saving to go to Vietnam in 2015 to do voluntary work in an orphanage. It was with great pleasure that a cheque was handed over to Martin Longbottom to help the youngsters achieve their goal.

The Meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

-----Chair