

**DURHAM and NORTHUMBERLAND NASUWT RETIRED MEMBERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday 17 March 2016**

**Present:**

Annette Rowe (President) in the Chair, Joy Farms (Secretary), Jim Farms (Assistant Secretary), Tom Cooper (Treasurer), Norman Spours, Robert Edwardson, Linda Edwardson, Shirley Haywood, Liz Hudson (NE Rep), Val Case, John Case, Ian Jerred, Ray Law, Nigel Trott, Sheila Walker, Carol Hackers, Gareth Cook (Magazine) and Michael Walker (Guest).

**Apologies:**

Pat Hodgson, Eric Young, Ted Burt, Ann Robinson and Betty Cook.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted as a True Record save that Bob Edwardson pointed out that he had asked that a vote of thanks to the Committee be minuted.

**Matters Arising**

Bob Edwardson reported that it was not possible to book a visit to the Swing Bridge and that he needed a clear indication of numbers for the forthcoming Transporter Bridge visit.

**President's Report**

Annette Rowe gave her Presidential Report (copy previously circulated)

**Secretary's Report**

Joy Farms gave her Secretary's Report (copy previously circulated) She pointed out that she had omitted to mention that Chris Keats, NASUWT General Secretary, had given a keynote speech at the Durham Gala.

She also mentioned that she now had 51 email addresses - 8 up on the previous year.

**Treasurers Report**

Tom Cooper gave his Treasurer's Report (copy previously circulated) He drew the meetings attention to the budget deficit of C£200 and suggested that whilst this was currently affordable, this would need to be addressed in the future. The cost of producing and distributing the magazine represented a significant element of the overspend and it was agreed that this now be issued twice yearly - probably to coincide with the distribution of information about the Christmas Dinner and the

papers for the AGM. The meeting noted the Treasurer's comments and agreed to support an overspend should this be necessary.

### **NEPA Report**

Norman Spours gave a short Report on the NE Pensioners' Association highlighting:

- a. deteriorating situation in the ambulance service
- b. the need for vigilance in Care Homes with regard to abuse and hygiene
- c. Tyne Metro - NEPA welcomed the change of operator recently announced

### **Federation of R.M.A's Report**

Liz Hudson reported on activities at a national level, highlighting:

- a. Our insurance policy now covers members and family of whatever age but does not include friends and guests
- b. Possible Area Reorganisation - this would not now go ahead
- c. The potential cost of an election for a national Officer - £7000!
- d. The problems with recruitment

### **Election of Officers**

**President:** Annette Rowe **Vice-President:** Gareth Cook

**Secretary:** Joy Farms **Assistant Secretary:** Jim Farms

**Treasurer:** Tom Cooper

### **Executive Committee Members**

The Officers (as above) plus....

Ray Law; Sheila Walker; John Case; Norman Spours;

Valerie Case; Shirley Haywood; Ian Jerred; Bob Edwardson.

### **Editorial Group**

Gareth Cook (Leader); Ian Jerred; Annette Rowe;

John Case; Valerie Case; Raymond Law; Sheila Walker

### **Donations**

It was agreed that we donate £400 to NEPA and £150 to the Junior Riverside Band.

### **Future Activities**

Jim Farms outlined issues of concern regarding the organization of the programme - particularly when numbers were often uncertain. It was agreed that members would make an effort to let the secretary know of their likely attendance, although it was accepted that this was not always possible. It was also agreed that the number of cultural visits be reduced - especially in winter. The programme would be discussed at a future meeting of the Executive Committee. Bob Edwardson proposal that the

secretary & assistant secretary should claim expenses when making recce's of suggested venues was agreed.

### **Website Launch**

Ian Jerred gave a short presentation highlighting the key features of the new website. He was complimented & thanked for his effort.

### **Magazine and Website Competitions**

The competition entries had been judged and it was agreed that the website be called "doneteaching.co.uk" (won by Pat Hodgson), whilst the magazine would be re-named ExCurriculum (won by Bob Edwardson).

### **Any Other Business**

a. Norman Spours was thanked for his efforts in organising the Buffet Lunch.

b. Christmas Dinner - Jim Farms asked that the venue for this be considered. It was agreed that the Riverside was an excellent venue but that it was rather expensive and numbers attending had fallen in consequence. He agreed to explore alternative venues.

### **Date and time of next year's AGM.**

Thursday 16th March 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

The President closed the meeting at 14.00 pm. and members went on to enjoy the buffet.