Charity Registration Number: 515733

Minutes of Tynedale u3a Annual General Meeting 2025 held at 2pm on Tuesday 4th March in the Auction Mart, Hexham

1. **Welcome:** The Chair, Barrie Mellars welcomed all members to the 2025 AGM

2. **Apologies** were received from Jan Steel, Richard Steel, Jenny Loring, Elizabeth Leonard, Adrian Woolley, Julia Woolley, John Harrison, Averil Harrison

3. **Minutes of 2024 AGM** which were published in the March newsletter were accepted as an accurate record.

4. **Chair's Report:** Barrie provided details about the membership which had remained strong and gave recognition to the loss of long term and valued member of u3a, John De Stefano. He also informed members that long term member Margret Jacot was now in Charlotte Straker Hospital at Corbridge and would welcome visits from members. He detailed the key activities of groups, monthly meetings and specialist talks that had taken place over the last year and encouraged groups to do arrange more specialist talks and also form new groups. He also made reference to the changes in management at the Third Age Trust. Barrie acknowledged the support that had been provided by the committee and thanked those who had relinquished their roles. Barrie's full report will be published in the April newsletter.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer Kate Stephenson informed that the accounts were in a good condition generally. The main one off costs were the Christmas party, 40 year booklet, sound equipment and software arising from the move to the Mart. National affiliation and newsletter costs had increased. In terms of groups the inflow and outflow had remained static. £73 surplus in events has been moved to general costs. The cash balance is circa £17,000 which is around a £1,500 decrease which is acceptable. Running costs are £12,000 and the recommendation was that membership subscription should remain at the current £14.

The accounts were agreed unanimously.

7. **Confirmation in post**

Elections to the Committee:-

- Events Secretary – Fran Fuller
  Proposer: Richard Dixon Seconder: Sarah Walsh
- Group Liaison Secretary – Steve Rozario
  Proposer: Colin Argent Seconder: Gill Mellars

Committee members were confirmed in post by the membership and Fran Fuller identified herself to the membership.

8. **The subscription to remain at £14 per annum** was agreed unanimously

9. **Honorary Examiner for 2025:** Mike Bewick was approved

10. AOB

Wendy Dale raised the importance of having a Vice Chair which currently the committee does not have. She recounted the experiences of previous Chairs who had suddenly had to relinquish their roles as a result of illness and therefore felt that this role should be reinstated. Barrie was supportive of this.

Another member wished to thank the Committee for all their hard work which was very much appreciated by the membership. This was gratefully acknowledged.