

# **Minutes of the AGM 2014**

## **held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

### **1. Apologies and proxy votes**

6 apologies and 14 proxy votes were received. 52 members were present.

### **2. Signing of the minutes**

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were duly signed by the President and Secretary as a correct record of the meeting.

### **3. President's report**

The President stated that Acip enters its 12<sup>th</sup> year with a record number (254) of members of 10 nationalities, 25 different group activities led by 17 dedicated group leaders.

Our superb new venue, which opened in January, was a major success of the year. He gave special thanks to the skills and efforts of the volunteers who put so much work into transforming our venue to meet our needs. Our use of other local Le Bugue venues – the Tennis Club, Salle Eugene le Roy and Porte Vezere – gives us added flexibility and more involvement in the local community.

We have enjoyed monthly themed socials some with meals, a summer BBQ, a trip to Bordeaux, drop in days all organised by volunteers. We have also developed a link with the cultural association Arcades.

The President thanked all the volunteers and the six committee members who make all this happen, making particular mention of our new Membership Secretary Paul Cope who is helped on the technical side and outside of the committee by Alec Robshaw.

Finally, he encouraged members to offer their ideas and support so that we can continue to develop Acip for us all.

### **4. The Treasurer's Report 2013-14**

The Treasurer Alan Reeves reported a healthy financial position at year end -

**Income:** 18,213.74

**Expenditure:** 13,925.66

**Available funds:** 5919.15

The predicted current account balance for 2014-15 is 6683.55.

### **5. Election of officers**

There being no other committee nominations the present President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected by a majority show of hands. Gwyneth Green (Group Co-ordinator), Christine Dumaux (Translation Organiser) and Paul Cope (Membership Secretary) are happy to continue as committee members and the officers are pleased to accept their help.

## **6. Presentation – plans for 2014-15**

The vice president, John Kuppens, outlined plans for next year.

Firstly, we will explore the level of interest among members for sheltered accommodation with English and Dutch speaking care as has been done amongst the members of the Dutch association La Tulipe. The need is already recognised by the Mairie.

Secondly, we plan to develop our cultural aspirations with a series of classical concerts.

Other activities will include a shopping trip to Bordeaux, a visit to Toulouse and a Medieval Christmas social and supper with entertainment.

## **7. Vote of thanks**

The president gave a vote of thanks to John Pretty for his work while acting as Membership Secretary.

## **8. Any other business**

No other business was raised.

## **9. Closure of business**

The President closed the meeting and invited everyone present to a complimentary drink.

Jenny West

ACIP Secretary