



Local Area Research + Intelligence Association

Minutes of LARIA Annual General Meeting 2014
University of Warwick
13 May 2014

Present

LARIA Council: Neil Wholey; Mike Walker; Andy Davis; Martin Reeves; Erin Murray; Juliet Whitworth; Gerallt Evans-Hughes; Tony Bovaird; Dale Hall; Helen Butcher; Neil Bendel.
LARIA members: Richard Potter; Mike Soper; Paul Barton; Steve Rhenius; Michelle VonAhn; Deborah Stott.

- 1) **Apologies** – none
- 2) **Minutes of previous AGM** – the minutes of the 2013 AGM were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the chair.
- 3) **Matters arising** – none.
- 4) **Chairs report** – the chair said that much of his main points had been summarised in the conference delegate packs. NW outlined some further points including the new LARIA branding, a celebration of the 40th year and a continued push for forward movement. He said that we would listen to members more and asked for content for the new website, and wanted to do more through the regions in the next 12 months. More of the detail would be discussed at the council meeting. NW also highlighted that the Civil Service is given five days of continued professional development (CPD) each year. He thought that LARIA could potentially campaign for more CPD for its members.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** – a report from the treasurer was given out and a set of accounts for 2013.

Total income for LARIA in 2013 was £50,959. The 2013 LARIA Annual Conference at Manchester University was successful, and generated a surplus in the region of £5,500. However this includes £1,500 receipts in advance from Awards sponsors paying for two years sponsorship.

The other main event that LARIA ran during 2013 was the LARIA in Scotland Conference, which also produced a surplus, of around £1,100. Income from membership subscriptions was just over £10,000, an increase on the 2012 level of subscriptions.

The other main sources of income for LARIA during 2013 were a one-off transfer of funds from BURISA (of c£2,700) and a one-off contribution from the LGA (of £2,500) to the redevelopment of the LARIA website.

Administrative expenditure was similar to the preceding year. This is more consistent year to year as a result of the contract we have with Mosaic Events to provide this service for LARIA. The main item of expenditure was payment for the redevelopment of the LARIA website.

LARIA is reporting a surplus of £5,471 for 2013, very similar to that for 2012. The LARIA business account had a year-end balance of £22,136, whilst the LARIA savings account had a year-end balance of £15,996.

AD said that the report and audit report would be sent to the Financial Conduct Authority. NW commended AD on his hard work on the finances.

- 6) **Auditing** – LARIA will not need to appoint an external auditor to evaluate the 2013 accounts as income was below £90,000. The meeting agreed to affect a disapplication under section 32A(1) of the Friendly Societies Act 1974 for the year ending 31 December 2013.

7) **Elections**

Treasurer

Andy Davis

Secretary

Vacant

Council member

Dale Hall was re-elected to Council.

NW expressed his thanks to Kay Asuni, LARIA's previous secretary and also to MW for covering the last 12 months as acting secretary.

8) **Activity group chairs**

LARIA in Scotland – Erin Murray

Strategy and Policy – Neil Wholey

Events and Member Development – Gerallt Evans-Hughes

9) **Any other business** – none

Signed Date
Chair