



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Monday, 6th February 2023 held in the Town Hall Sandbach at 09.30**

**PRESENT: TRUSTEES:** Stuart Naylor, Linda Bilsborrow, Paula Reilly-Cooper, Alice Holmes, Keith Saywell, Jenny Haines, Kate Ashworth, Linda Williams and Sue Jones.

**APOLOGIES:** Alan Casey, Barrie Hacking, Louise Adams

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Stuart Naylor (Chair) welcomed members to the AGM. He explained how the voting had been organised:-

Members were invited to vote electronically, by post and at Sandbach Library.

Members were invited to vote today using a voting form.

The Chair said the second part of the AGM will happen on 20<sup>th</sup> February when the votes will have been checked to ensure that no lapsed members have voted and no member has voted more than once. The Trustees will ratify the results at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**2. MINUTES OF 2021 AGM and RESULTS OF VOTING**

These had been previously circulated and as there was no dissent, they were accepted as a true record by a large majority, with no votes against.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Previously circulated. There were no comments or questions about it.

**4. ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT 2021 – 22**

The accounts and report had been previously circulated and as there was no dissent or questions, they were accepted by a large majority, with no votes against.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2022-23**

Andrew Sparks is willing to be an independent examiner for our accounts. This was accepted by members.

**6. APPROVAL OF SANDBACH AND DISTRICT u3a CODE OF PRACTICE**

The proposed changes to the Code of Practice had been previously circulated. There was no dissent or questions, so the changes to the Code of Practice were accepted by a large majority, with no votes against.

**7. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022-23**

The Chair confirmed the re-election of the current Trustees standing for re-election to the Committee, by a large majority with no votes against. He confirmed that Moira Egan will be co-opted as a Trustee at the next Committee meeting.

**8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022-23**

The Chair noted that Richard Thorne had resigned as Treasurer during the year, with Keith Saywell being co-opted to that post. He confirmed the election of Keith Saywell as Treasurer for 2023-24, subject to ratification by Trustees on 20th February.

## **9. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

### **a) First Aid Courses**

In reply to a member's question as to when CPR training or first aid courses might be available during 2023, the Chair said we would be running 2 first aid courses over the year and these would be publicised in our newsletter. He also said all Group Leaders would be offered first aid training.

### **b) Paid Tutor Fees**

In answer to a query from a member asking why the fees for paid tutor groups have increased so much, the Chair explained that the question was based on a false assumption. While some paid tutor group fees have increased, others have not.

All members will be aware that venue costs are increasing and external tutor costs are increasing. The Chair also explained that as a charity affiliated to the Third Age Trust, we are not permitted to use members general payments to support external tutors. All paid tutor groups must be self-financing. In the past that had not always been the case, but it is now. For these reasons some paid tutor groups have increased their session fees.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair thanked Richard Thorne for his work for the u3a and also Keith Saywell for taking on the role of treasurer. Sharon Ginnis has resigned as venues co-ordinator due to ill health. The Chair thanked her for her contribution as venues co-ordinator, and also thanked Louise Adams for taking on this role temporarily at very short notice.

He thanked members for attending and also Linda Bilsborrow, the vice chair, for organising the AGM.

Linda thanked all the u3a members who had added their thanks to the committee on their voting slips.

The meeting closed at 9.50 am.