



Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Monday, 4th March 2024 held in the Town Hall Sandbach at 09.30

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Stuart Naylor, Linda Bilsborrow, Paula Reilly-Cooper, Alice Holmes, Jenny Haines, Alan Casey

No apologies are recorded for this meeting since attendance is optional.

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 18th March 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 18th March

2. MINUTES OF 2023 AGM and RESULTS OF VOTING

These were accepted by a large majority, with no votes against.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments or questions about it.

4. ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT 2022 – 23

These were accepted by a large majority, with no votes against.

5. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2023-24

Andrew Sparkes 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. The changes to the Code of Practice were accepted by a large majority, with one vote against.

7. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024-25

The Chair confirmed the election of the Trustees standing for election (or re-election) to the Committee, by a large majority with one vote against.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-25

The Chair confirmed the election of Linda Bilsborrow as chair, Ken Talbot as vice-chair, and Stuart Naylor as secretary for 2024-5.

9. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

a) Finances

One member queried the amount carried in our reserves and whether Trustees intended to reduce the reserves by spending more on equipment, resources or activities that benefit members.

This will be followed up at a future Trustee meeting.

b) Safety

One member of an indoor bowls group requested that the wooden 'stoppers' used at both ends of the indoor mats should be painted a contrasting colour. At least two members have tripped over these, and future accidents could be avoided by painting the stoppers so they are more obvious.

This will be followed up at a future Trustee meeting.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair thanked members for attending and expressed the committee's thanks to Sue Jones who has retired from the committee. She was thanked for her hard work and dedication during her time as Secretary. He expressed his thanks to Moira Egan for taking over at short notice as Venues Co-ordinator.

He also thanked all the u3a volunteers, such as those who provide refreshments at the monthly meetings, Group Leaders and the Meet and Greet team.

Stuart is standing down as Chair and handing over to Linda Bilsborrow, but will be taking on the role of Secretary. He thanked Linda for her contribution and welcomed Ken who will be taking over as Vice Chair. He said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time as Chair and that the committee had been a pleasure to work with.

Jinty Pyke replied from the floor and thanked Stuart for his hard work as Chair for the past 3 years. Linda Bilsborrow also expressed her thanks and said that she had been involved with many committees over the years and Stuart had been one of the best Chairs she had worked with.

The meeting closed at 9.50 am