



20th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2023

1. Chair's Welcome and Safety Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the health and safety directives applied to the venue and including siting of the fire exits.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence noted at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2023 **APPROVED** as a correct record.

PROPOSED Hazel Perry and **SECONDED** Richard Clayton

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair was pleased to report membership of New Mills and District u3a had reached five hundred with eighteen new subscriptions received just last month. She very much hoped members could be encouraged to start a new Activity Group or offer to help with an existing one.

The u3a fortieth anniversary u3a had been celebrated in a variety of ways and the Chair invited everyone to now focus on ideas for marking this group's twentieth anniversary. The Committee had begun to discuss possibilities but would certainly welcome suggestions from members.

The Chair offered warm thanks to Carol Wright, the Speaker Meetings Organiser, who was stepping down this year. Although the 2024 programme was fully scheduled and uploaded on the website, a volunteer was needed to take over now to be available to oversee meetings, welcome speakers and begin to timetable 2025 meetings.

The Chair also thanked Pam Baker, whose term of office ended this year, for her invaluable contribution on the Committee. She was pleased to advise, however, that Pam had agreed to continue her meet and greet role at Speaker Meetings.

The Chair concluded by thanking those always on hand at meetings to serve refreshments and all the Committee members for their continued support.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented audited accounts for the year ended 30th September 2023

RECEIVED and **ADOPTED** as a correct record.

In line with last year the Treasurer was pleased to report a healthy financial balance had been maintained overall although the current financial statement did not reflect all expenditure. The Treasurer anticipated a rise in room booking charges and she had yet to receive invoices for the Third Age Trust magazine for the previous two years.

There had been an increase in membership but the effects of Covid were still apparent with some members failing to renew their subscriptions. The Committee had agreed not to make a change to the membership fee.

More groups were meeting in hired venues which is why the Committee had agreed a nominal increase in their contribution toward room hire.

The Treasurer had continued to keep a separate account for social activities because as the relevant groups were self-funded it was easier to monitor surpluses and deficits.

Riveria Travel payments had amounted to £2500 over the last two year with £700 allocated to the Outings Group for the Christmas Lunch event. The Treasurer encouraged members booking a cruise with the company to nominate this u3a as their chosen charity to receive a donation.

Although the Third Age Trust proposal to index link the capitation fee to the state pension had been rejected the Treasurer felt in the current economic climate a resolution could be put forward in the future for reconsideration.

The Treasurer reaffirmed she was always happy to respond to queries from members and could be contacted either by email her or by seeking her at out at a meeting.

7. Committee Elections

Following voting on submitted nominations Catherine Ager would return for another term of office; Sue Rivers, Ann Apps and Pat Stanway were each re-elected as Chair, Deputy Chair and Business Secretary respectively and Carol Wright was newly elected on to the Committee.

Margaret Weaver (Treasurer), Wendy Cheshire (Membership Secretary) and Jean Windsor (Group Coordinator) to continue in their roles.

Pam Baker had completed her term of office and would step down. It was noted Clem Taylor had previously resigned from the Committee because of ill health.

There remained one unfilled vacancy.

8. Any Other Business

The Chair gave notices of forthcoming events being organised by the Outings Group and the Gardening Group and the annual Christmas Quiz. Full information to be found on the website.

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was NOTED that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on 19th November 2024.