

Haverhill and District U3A
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 29th March 2022 in Haverhill Arts Centre at 10.30am

1. Welcome

The Acting Chairman Peter Tatum welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting along with Barbara Cordina and Marilyn Walker, invited members from the East of England Regional team. There was a head count of members attending and the necessary quorum was achieved.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted as a true copy and approved by the members proposed by Barbara Lavender and seconded by Dilwyn Roberts with no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Acting Chair, Peter Tatam read the annual report from the Chair which had also been circulated to all members prior to the AGM.

He said it had been a strange year when we expected numbers of members to fall significantly but they had not.

He reported that there had been difficult issues experienced by the committee following the AGM last year, but the team had been helped to overcome the issues with the help of the management team at central office to whom we are deeply indebted. The outcome was that he, being vice chair, had to step in to assume the senior role. He also gave thanks to the support from the rest of the committee during that time.

The new website is being developed and members are urged to look at it.

Our finances are in good shape and our membership has rebounded now we can meet face-to face.

2022 represents the 40th anniversary of the u3a movement and we intend to celebrate with a *bring your own picnic* to be called *Picnic in the Meadow* on July 2nd on Great Meadow in Kedington. Details will be sent out to all members ASAP.

He said our thoughts and sympathies are with the families of those members who sadly passed away over the year. The u3a is currently an organisation for oldies although efforts are being made to entice younger members to join us. He stressed that the only restriction to membership is that any member should no longer be working full time and a specific age limit is no longer stipulated.

As this is his last time in the Chair, he gave his thanks to all members who have spoken to him and said kind things about the committee, the meetings and u3a in general. It is good to know that the efforts of the committee have been appreciated and that u3a brings enjoyment to so many.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a short summary of the finances the details having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The finances are in excellent order with a small increase from last year despite the effects of COVID on membership. The subscriptions which form the bulk of our income will remain the same for the 2022-2023 year but there are clouds on the horizon. The effects of inflation may affect our fixed costs such as fees to the national U3A, hall hire, printing and speaker fees and so the subscription may have to rise in the future.

We will use our 'surplus' funds to support activities going forward, with the aim of spreading the benefits to as many members as possible.

Mark Pollington has been training as to be treasurer and is now ready to take over.

The audited accounts were presented and adopted unanimously by a show of hands.

The current auditor, Angela Beaumont was also adopted as next year's auditor.

5. Appointment of Officers

The current Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and General Secretary were all standing down. Barbara Cordina took over the proceedings for the election of the new officers of the committee.

Chair – Barbara Lavender

Proposed by Margaret Johnson

Seconded by Ian Johnson

Voted in unanimously

Vice Chair – Peter Tatam

Proposed by Jaqueline Tatam

Seconded by David Jefferies

Voted in unanimously

Secretary – Gloria Shersby

Proposed by Dianna Pannell

Seconded by Brian Gordon

Voted in unanimously

Treasurer – Mark Pollington

Proposed by Jaqueline Tatam

Seconded by David Jefferies

Voted in unanimously

6. A.O.B.

Members gave a vote of thanks to the committee for their support during the two years of the COVID pandemic.

The meeting ended at 10.47.

Signed as a true copy,