

Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2022 in the Assembly Room of the Old Court House, North Street, Chichester

In attendance:-

More than 70 Members were in attendance and the meeting was therefore quorate.

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Maureen as Chair of the meeting welcomed everyone present.

2. Apologies for absence

The Secretary reported that apologies had been received from the following members: Peter Newland (Treasurer), Simon Price, Jenny Price, Stephanie Carn, David Tregear and Janet Tregear.

3. Approval Of the Minutes of the AGM held on 20th May 2021

It was proposed that the Minutes be accepted.

Proposer: Chris Grinyer. Seconder: Clive Grinyer. There were no votes against the proposal and the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Presentation of Annual Report by Chair

Maureen's report had been circulated to all Members of Chichester u3a prior to the AGM.

6. Presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

As the Treasurer was not able to be present at this AGM, he had held a meeting via Zoom in order to answer any questions on the report previously circulated.

Maureen asked whether there were any further questions which would be relayed to the Treasurer and there were none.

7. Approval of the accounts

It was proposed that the Accounts for the year ended 31.3.2022 be accepted.

Proposer: Caroline Davis. Seconder: Ann Butler. There were no votes against the proposal and the accounts were accepted.

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8. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed that Mr Peter Grimley FCA be appointed Independent Examiner once again. Proposer: Terry Timblick. Seconder: Peter Hill. There were no votes against and the proposal was carried by a majority vote.

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Maureen explained that she had completed three years as Chair of Chichester u3a and so was standing down in accordance with the Constitution.

No-one had to date offered to take on the role and she asked whether any of the Members present would be prepared to volunteer. She went on to say that the Secretary had also completed three years and a volunteer was needed also for this role.

Vice Chair: Jill Cook. Proposed by Peter Hill. Seconded by Maureen Doyle.

No votes against. **Result:** Jill Cook was re-elected as Vice Chair.

Treasurer: Barry Easton had been nominated as Treasurer. Proposer: Miriam Knight. Seconder: Jill Cook. No votes against. **Result:** Barry Easton was elected Treasurer.

Committee Members: Caroline Davis has been Groups Co-ordinator for the last 5 years whilst serving on the Committee. She would continue in the Groups Co-ordinator role while standing down as a Committee Member.

Existing Committee Members are Peter Hill, Peter Le Touze, Miriam Knight.

It is proposed that Margaret Le-Good joins the Committee as Social Events Secretary. Jacqueline Easton, and Mike Cockerell have also been nominated to join the Committee.

Maureen proposed that the Committee be voted in en bloc as given above.

Seconder: David Rees. There were no votes against. **Result:** proposal carried by a majority vote.

10. Questions received by post or email to Secretary and from the floor

The Secretary reported that no questions had been received by post or email.

Member Liz Bond asked from the floor what would happen as no Chair or Secretary had come forward. Maureen responded by saying that Jill, as Vice Chair, would ensure day-to-day running will continue until it is possible to fill these roles. She also explained that in her time as Chair, her aim had been to build teams around the various functions so that responsibility was shared. It was further suggested that any Member considering whether or not to take up a role might like to attend a monthly Committee Meeting to learn more about the running of our u3a.

11. Vote of Thanks

Jill, in expressing thanks to Peter Newland for the work he has done as Treasurer, described the way in which the financial position has been transformed. The accounts are presented clearly and in a format that is easy to understand. He has also re-designed and updated the website.

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11. Vote of Thanks continued

Jill went on to express her thanks to:

Caroline for all the work she has done and continues to do in her demanding role as Groups Co-ordinator.

Fenella as Secretary, and

Maureen who had joined the u3a only three years ago and had stepped in to the Chair position so quickly. She will continue to lead the Monthly Meeting Team.

12. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be held on Thursday 18th May 2023.

13. Any Other Business

There was none.

14. Closing remarks

Maureen said that fulfilling the role of Chair had been a fantastic experience through some difficult times for everyone. Previous Chairs had been unable to complete the three year tenure so she had been determined to change the pattern and complete her term.

She had enjoyed meeting and working with so many different people and was satisfied with the team structures which had been established so that any pressure points are now shared. Lastly she thanked Jill for all the work and effort she puts into our u3a. Jill, having been a u3a Member for eight years, had returned to the Committee two years ago, after a one year break, and had helped to save it at a particularly difficult time. She is a safe pair of hands!

Maureen then thanked everyone once again for attending the AGM and closed the business part of the meeting.

Following the conclusion of the AGM, Dr Thomas Buchsein, and emergency medicine specialist, gave a talk describing his work in this highly specialised field of medicine.