

Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting held on 15th May 2025 in the Assembly Room of the Council House, North Street, CHICHESTER at 2.00 p.m.

In Attendance: Committee members (10) and 114 members. The secretary had not received any Proxy Voting forms

Agenda No.	Agenda Item	Minute
1.	Welcome and opening remarks	Jill Cook, as Chair of the meeting, welcomed everyone and declared that the meeting could continue as it was quorate.
2.	Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from: Jacky Easton, Chris Grinyer, Clive Grinyer, Anne Holderness, Wendy Joy, Peter Newland, Monica Roche and Susan Watson.
3.	Proposed alteration to Chichester u3a Constitution	Barry Easton, on behalf of the Committee proposed the following alteration to the Constitution: that Item 6 (ii) and (iii) be amended to read as follows: “(ii) <i>Committee</i>: The Committee shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 12 members, being: (a) The Honorary Officers specified in the preceding clause. (b) Not less than 1 and not more than 8 members elected at the Annual General Meeting, who shall hold office from the conclusion of the meeting. (iii) The Committee may in addition to 6 (ii) appoint not more than 3 co-opted Members who shall have full voting rights and have tenure until the next AGM”. and that Item 7 read as follows: 7. Election of Officers/Committee Members (i) The election of members of the Committee shall be held at the AGM of the U3A. (ii) The newly elected Committee shall take office at the conclusion of the AGM. The Officers and other voting members of the committee shall be Trustees of the Charity. (iii) Officers and Committee Members shall serve a period of 1 year. Retiring Officers and Committee Members may stand for re-election provided that no one may hold a single specific office, as defined in 6(i), for more than 3 consecutive years without an intervening period of at least one year. The maximum total period of service of any trustee shall be 9 years in any combination of roles whether or not the periods are contiguous”.

		Seconded by Jill Cook and when put to the vote with a show of hands was passed unanimously by the membership.
4.	Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 16th May 2024	It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Barry Easton that the Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 16th May be accepted as a true record. As there were no votes against, the proposal was carried unanimously.
5.	Matters arising from the Minutes	The Minutes had been published on the website and there were no matters forthcoming in response.
6.	Presentation of the Annual Report by the Chair	The Chair's report had been circulated to all members of Chichester U3A prior to the AGM. The report was accepted.
7.	Presentation of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025	The Treasurer presented his report and it had also been circulated and published on the website. There were no questions.
8.	Approval of the Accounts	This was duly proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by Patricia Lock, and was approved by a majority with a show of hands.
9.	Appointment of the Independent Examiner	It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Jill Cook that Mr Peter Grimley FCA be appointed independent Examiner once again, and as there were no votes against, the proposal was carried unanimously.

10.	Election of Officers and Committee Members	The Chair advised the membership that as well as herself, Margaret Le -Good, Peter le Touze, Philip Palmer and Gill Sherrington were all stepping down from the Committee. She thanked them all for the sterling service that they had given to Chichester u3a. In addition Barry Easton had completed 3 years as Treasurer. Nominations had been published on the website and as there were no contested offices the chair recommended that all nominations be accepted en bloc.
		<u>Committee Officers</u> <u>Standing for election</u> Chair: Jacky Easton (3582) Proposed by Patricia Lock Seconded by Jill Cook No votes against Result: Jacky Easton was elected as Chair Vice-Chair: No nominations The Chair asked if anyone present would volunteer to stand. No-one came forward. Treasurer: Patrick Doyle (4099) Proposed by Barry Easton Seconded by Jacky Easton No votes against Result: Patrick Doyle was elected as Treasurer Standing for re-election Secretary: Patricia Lock (3865) Proposed by Peter Robinson Seconded by Jill Cook No votes against Result: Patricia Lock was re- elected as Secretary

		Committee Members Standing for re-election Barry Easton (3669) Proposed by Patricia Lock Seconded by Peter Robinson Peter Newland (3128) Proposed by Peter Robinson Seconded by Philip Palmer Peter Robinson (3960) Proposed by Patricia Lock Seconded by Philip Palmer <u>Standing for election</u> Alistair Bennett (4194) Proposed by Barry Easton Seconded by Penny Blackmore Smith	Penelope Blackmore (4185) Proposed by Alistair Bennett Seconded by Jacky Easton Marion Gibbs(3771) Proposed by Jill Cook Seconded by Margaret Richards Isobel Glover (4046) Proposed by Linda Nevill Seconded by Patricia Lock Linda Nevill (3845) Proposed by Val Johnston Seconded by Yvonne Harris
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11.	Questions from the floor	Questions had to be submitted in writing by 8th May. There were no questions raised.
12.	Date of next meeting	The next AGM will be held on Thursday 21st May 2026 in The Assembly Rooms, The Council House, North Street, Chichester
13.	Any other business	There was no other business.
14.	Closing remarks	The Chairman thanked the membership for their continued support and expressed her gratitude to those colleagues who had served alongside her on the committee. The Committee expressed their appreciation for Jill Cook's 10 years as a valued member of the Committee, 3 of which as Chair, and wished her well for the future. She was presented with a bouquet and a selection box of Maltesers. The other retiring officers also received gifts. As there was no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.22 p.m. There would be a comfort break and then the floor would be taken by Paul Barwick from Watford in Hertfordshire, who was recounting the story of Nancy Wake a member of the SOE fighting against the Occupying German Forces.

Signed:*Caroline Cooper*..... **Date:****21st May 2026**.....