

BISHOP'S STORTFORD U3A

Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting, held at the Methodist Church, Bishop's Stortford 9th March 2020

The Vice-Chairman, Jim Paterson, welcomed all to the meeting in the absence of the chairman.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Keith Hicks, Roz Howlett, Stuart Jacobs.

2. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM.**

These had been circulated to all in the Winter Newsletter. They were accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Jenny MacGregor

Secunder: Linda Scott.

3. **Matters Arising:** None

4. **Chairman's Report**

Jim read out a message from Keith which thanked all members, Group Co-ordinators, Trustees and volunteers in whatever capacity for their involvement over the year.

5. **Treasurer's Report (Jack Treves)**

a. **Presentation of the 2019 Annual Accounts.**

These have been passed by the Independent Examiner and the Committee. A copy is attached to the file copy of the AGM Minutes, available on the website or via hard copy on request. They have been prepared in agreement with Charity Commission rules and have explanatory notes for the members which the Treasurer covered in his speech. The Independent Examiner had picked out a couple of wording difficulties which had been followed up on.

The Treasurer asked for questions. There were none. After a vote, the examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposer: Richard Cawse

Secunder: Theresa Paterson.

Vote: Unanimously accepted.

b. **Approval and Appointment of Independent Examiner.**

Peter Bass had agreed to do this for another year.

Proposer: Jenny MacGregor

Secunder: Wendy Shipperlee.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

6. **The Election of Officers**

Jim Paterson to be Chairman

Proposer: T. Paterson

Secunder: M. MacGregor

Jim Budd to be Speaker Arranger.

Proposer: S-A Budd

Seconder: J. Hannigan

Chris Morris to be Beacon Co-ordinator

Proposer: R. Anderson

Seconder: R. Cawse

Roz Howlett to remain as Groups Manager

Proposer: J. MacGregor

Seconder: Janet Gray

Rene Locke to remain as Committee Member

Proposer: R. Ingells

Seconder: L. Scott.

All votes: unanimously accepted.

7. AOB

a. The History 1 meeting is on 24th April, not as stated in the Diary.

b. Third Age Trust Advice re. Coronavirus: If you are unwell don't attend your group(s) and let the Trustees know so that they can decide whether any monthly meetings should be cancelled.

c. Next monthly meeting: 20th April: The History of Spoken English.

d. The members were invited for tea / coffee, cake and the viewing of jigsaws.