

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021**

PRESENT Belinda Collett (Chair), Tim Smith (Treasurer), Sue Dodds-Smith (Secretary), Maggie Wall (Membership Secretary), John Nicholson (Webmaster), Chris Rowe (Interest Group Leader) Margaret Griffiths (Speaker Secretary), Christine Pratt (Newsletter and Archive Secretary), Jill Onley (Village Hall Representative), Hazel Wilson (Meeting and Greeting Secretary) and 39 members.

1. APOLOGIES Peter and Ann Davies, Irene Neal, Pat Parsons, Alison George, Ann Placket, Paula Jones, David and Paula Cochrane, Jim Wardle, Brian Robertson, Alison & Bill Johnson and Rosemary Jenkins

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

Copies of the Minutes were previously circulated to the membership by email. The motion to agree the Minutes were a true record was passed unanimously and they were signed by the chair, placed on file and will be put on the website.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Becoming Chair of Brixworth & District u3a at the 2020 AGM, amid the second Covid Lock-Down, was not the best of times for me and everyone else. But we tried to keep the spirit of u3a going through our monthly Zoom meetings and seeing our friends that way, when we were unable to meet up face-to-face.

In this regard, we have to thank Margaret Griffiths for approaching guest speakers to see if they were available to provide a presentation via Zoom. As a result of which, I hope you will agree, she did remarkable well in arranging some very interesting talks. And now, we can once again, enjoy meeting up together each month, to see what delights Margaret has arranged for us.

Then of course, we had other constant throughout the year, that is the bye-monthly newsletter, excellently produced and edited by our very own Christine Pratt, who has done so since the first edition. This is not an easy job, and Christine is always very grateful to receive, from the members, any interesting item, whether or not they are related to the interest groups, including photographs. I nearly forgot to mention that, in between each of Christine's bye-monthly newsletters, there has been additional newsletters compiled by my husband covering different aspect of the music world.

Also keeping everyone informed as to what is currently going on within our u3a, is our Brixworth & District website which, since the arrival of John Nicholson with me, this time last year, has been completely re-vamped by him and now has a completely different look to it. John tries to keep this as up-to-date as possible, but again, does require input from interest group leaders and members alike, with any new details or information to make it a valuable and reliable resource for the whole membership and prospective new members.

Working hard in the background, but equally important and responsible for keep our u3a going, and to whom I have to say a personal thank you for their help and support during my first year as Chair, are Sue Dodds-Smith our very busy Secretary, Tim Smith our Treasurer, Maggie Wall our Membership Secretary, Chris Rowe the Interest Groups Co-Ordinator, Jill Onley who is our representative on the Village Hall Committee, and Hazel Wilson who meets and greets our new members.

Finally, and moving forward, I am very aware that some of our members are struggling to return to the activities that they used to enjoy prior to Covid, with group attendance numbers now lower than before. So, my best wishes go out to these people and hope that we will see you all again soon, and a big thank you to all of the members who have been able to take part in our activities, to keep Brixworth & District a vibrant and stimulating u3a.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tim Smith presented the audited and final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021. Tony Hockenhull proposed, and Janet Womack seconded the motion that the accounts be accepted. Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer proposed that the subscription fee for next year should be increased to £15. The resolution and the reasons for the increase was put to the meeting and it was passed unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As all Officers are still completing their term of office no election is required.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

As all Committee members are still completing their term of office no election is required.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

The motion to appoint Ian Barrett as Auditor for the coming year was carried unanimously.

9. ANY MOTIONS PUT FORWARD

It was unanimously agreed that the following Clause should be added to the Constitution.

Clause 14, sub-clause vi

A general meeting (whether an annual general meeting or a special general meeting) may be held in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the committee in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants. Where the committee determine that a general meeting is to be held by electronic means, such determination shall be set out in the notice of general meeting to members, together with details of how a member may participate in such a meeting.

10. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT AGM

7th September 2022