

CALLINGTON u3a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd April 2023

Welcome: The Chairman, Yvonne Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10.30am. There were 44 attendees. The agenda and the minutes were displayed on screen.

1: Apologies: Ray and Marion Lawrence, Ann and Carl Moore and Maggie Wood.

2: Minutes of the last meeting on 9th May 2022 were unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4: Proposal: The committee would like to make the following adjustments to the annual fees. If members do not wish to receive the 'Third Age Matters' magazine then the annual subscription will remain at £13.00 per individual and £25.00 per couple. If, however, members want to still receive the magazine then the subscription will increase to £15 (£29 for couples).

5. Chairman's Report: Yvonne said this is her last job as Chairman and she would like to thank those members who are group co-ordinators who keep our 154 members and 27 groups going. She also thanked all the hardworking members of the committee. 2022 saw a few events for us. We planted 30 saplings to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the u3a and this also contributed to the Queens Green Canopy to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. We had our own Jubilee celebration with displays from our group activities, a quiz, raffle and delicious saffron buns. We also held a cream tea for new members and group co-ordinators. As several members of the committee now have to stand down she encouraged members to come forward to keep our u3a going. Committee members have said they are willing to shadow new members in their new roles. She wished the new committee good luck in the future.

7. Secretary's Report: Jo said that she really is stepping down this time! She thanked all the committee members and wished the new committee good luck.

8. Treasurer's Report: Norman Watts sadly passed away this year and Roy Brawn and Richard Milton stepped in to keep the records. We have £317.49 in cash. £1380 in the Current Account, £2004.91 in our Reserve Account and £18.58 in a Ringfenced Account. Roy asked members to please pay their fees on time. The proposal for this years' Membership fees was unanimously agreed. Roy Burrige thanked the committee for keeping the account in surplus.

9. Election of Officers: **Chair:** Anne-Louise Mellor, proposed by Judy Foweraker.

Secretary: Pat Mitchell, proposed by Margaret Jones.

Vice Chair: Philip Clift, proposed by Derek Malley.

Treasurer: Jae Damarell, proposed by Sue McMunn.

10. Election of Committee: Hospitality: Sue McMunn.

Group Coordinator: Helen Redden, and

Publicity: Ann Moore are standing for another year.

Speaker Organiser and Website/ Beacon are vacant.

Committee member: Edna Southey proposed by Roy Brawn. All accepted by a show of hands from the floor.

Yvonne thanked the new committee members , but asked that we do still need more committee members. Anybody interested can come along to a meeting and see what is involved.

11. Election of Examiner for Accounts: We no longer need to have the accounts audited as we have less than £25.000. Jo said her grandson is willing to check the accounts.

12. A.O.B. The new Chairman, Annie said thank to the committee and she was looking forward to working with everyone. She thanked retiring members individually for their hard work and dedication. Gift bags were given out to them. She said we have some good speakers to look forward to as well as our celebrations. Also thanks to the leaders of the interest groups for sharing their knowledge and skills. She is looking forward to the year ahead. She asked the new committee to say behind for a few minutes at the end.

Lucy shared that her birthday celebrations had raised £470 for Help for Ukraine and the money had been well spent.

Phil also thanked the committee and especially thanks to Gayle and Caro for doing the teas and coffees for the last 5 years.

The raffle was drawn.

The meeting closed at 11.30.

Date of next Annual General Meeting: Monday 8th April 2024