

CAVES U3A

MINUTES OF THE 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held at Cave Castle Hotel on 9th May 2022

Present

7 Committee members and 51 members were present thus ensuring a quorum to enact business.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Tim Pickles, Penny Bell, Jeni Clarkson, Berenice Dudley, Catherine Gibb.

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting

These had been ratified and accepted by the Committee on 10th August 2021 and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report (Copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the Minutes)

The Chairman opened by welcoming all members and new members to the 17th Annual General Meeting of Caves u3a. This was the first face to face AGM since the previous two meetings have been on Zoom due to the Covid pandemic.

Herewith Margaret's Report:-

I shall start with the Thank You's. Thank you to Molly and Aileen who manned the greeting desk for the entire time we have been at Cave Castle – at least 9 years - when they gave up. Their joint age was at least 184 years. Now we have new meeters and greeters at the desk and the refreshments. We have new officers, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary, so thank you to them all. I also want to thank Jean and David Jones who did the Christmas Lunch when we did not know if anyone would come. As it happened we had 80 very brave and happy people who enjoyed the lunch and the company and were none the worse for it.

Now I want to say a word or two about the Interest Groups and Leaders. Without the Interest Groups and their Leaders there would be no u3a as it is what we are all about. The point is that when we give up working full time we do not give up learning, but carry on with whatever we are interested in, with the help of the Interest Group Leaders. This is why we need more groups on diverse topics. You do not have to be an expert, just find times, dates and venues for the courses to take place. So now I have finished my little piece I want to say an enormous thank you to all the leaders. We would not exist without you. May you go from strength to strength.

Also last but not least I want to say thank you to our speaker finder who has had a traumatic time with cancelled speakers due to Covid. And also to the Committee who have been such a good support over the past three years.

Covid arrived in a hurry in March 2020 after a normal year up to then. Everything was cancelled and you could walk down the middle of the road safely. Sadly it quickly got much more serious, with families losing loved ones and us losing our lovely members. During the pandemic I did not feel strong enough to enter into mammoth undertakings to amuse and to entertain, so I relied on Tim Pickles and various others to keep us going, Tim with our excellent Newsletter and others with quizzes etc. Many thanks for your help Tim, both to me and to the Newsletter. I want to wish you all a healthy and peaceful future, and hope to continue to enjoy your u3a, under the guidance of a new leader. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report (Copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the Minutes).

The Treasurer, Eileen Fearon, gave us her financial report for the year ended 31st March 2022. She explained that HSBC were now a very user unfriendly bank and the decision has been made to transfer our account to the Co-op Bank. It was decided to consolidate the bank accounts and we shall have one bank account instead of the three we had previously.

Income:- Membership fees - £1934 (No membership fees charged for 2021/2022 as no meetings due to Covid Pandemic)

General Meetings - £648.00 (No meetings held 2020/2021 due to Covid Pandemic)

Interest Groups - £761.01

Other Income – Social fund £1,774.00 and diaries sold £75

Bank Interest - Received £0.24

Expenditure for the Year

Membership fees to Third Age Trust - £626.50 (£707)

General Meetings - £728.07 (No meetings held 2020/2021)

Postage and Stationery - £175.42 - Printing & Distribution of Newsletter
£8.99 - Delivery postage for dairies

Committee Expenses - £60.00 for hire of ASCC hall (£144 Annual fee for Zoom)

Interest Groups - £409.99 – (No meetings held due to Covid Pandemic)

Equipment - £60.98 (£699 Replacement Laptop)

Bank Charges - £61.18

Third Age Matters - £393.70

Sundry Items - £58.27

This gave a surplus of £569.15 income over expenditure

Eileen then thanked the Committee, and Chris Edwards, in particular for their support during her first year as treasurer and also thanked Raymond Clegg for examining the accounts.

Eileen then moved the accounts for adoption. This was seconded by James Gibb and accepted unanimously.

Examiner of Accounts

The Treasurer advised that Raymond Clegg was agreeable to be appointed Examiner and this was agreed unanimously.

Election of Officers

The Chairman resigned after completing 3 years in office and David Kite, proposed by Bernice Maitland and seconded by Ron Maitland, was elected as Chairman. There was a new Vice Chairman Heather Turner proposed by David Kite and seconded by Tim Pickles. The Treasurer, Eileen Fearon who had been Treasurer since October 2021 was proposed by Chris Edwards and seconded by Margaret Tinker.

Election of Committee Members

The remaining Committee Members Bernice Maitland (secretary) Tim Pickles, Chris Edwards, David Newton, Penny Bell and Pauline Kermode agreed to continue for another year and were agreed unanimously.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

The Chairman invited the Membership Secretary Chris Edwards to explain the circumstances regarding this proposal to change in the constitution. He explained that having 3 months to renew annual subscriptions was too long and he advocated making the grace period to pay just four weeks. Details of this clause had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting and discussed in committee. Discussions ensued with two members suggesting six weeks instead of four weeks as this meant that members would have to be fully paid up for the ensuing year if they wanted to vote during the AGM. A vote on a show of hands was declared with a resulting vote of 18 for a four week payment and 20 against a four week payment with two abstentions. The proposed changes to the constitution were rejected and returned to the committee for further instruction.

The new chairman David Kite then made a presentation gift of flowers and a card to the retiring Chairman Margaret Tinker with our thanks for her unstinting work

during a particularly difficult period of the covid pandemic in her three years of office.

There being no further business the Chairman duly closed the meeting.

Signed as a true record.....Chairman

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