



**Chepstow**

Learn, Laugh and Live!

**Minutes of AGM. Held at Chepstow Drill Hall, Tuesday 5<sup>h</sup> March 2019.**

**Minutes of AGM, March 2018:** Accepted.

**AGM 2018 Chairman's Report for 2017/2018:**

The Chairman started by highlighting that membership at the end of 2018 stood at 868, an increase of 72 or 9% over 2017. This increase followed two years of relatively little growth in membership.

He then talked about some of the social activities that we have organised over the last 15 months which included the now regular Coffee Mornings at the Palmer Centre, an Inter Group quiz, a Wine Tasting evening, Skittles against Newport U3A, and mentioned a possible Ceilidh later in the year.

He then moved onto the main theme of his report: Activity Groups. An increasing membership needs more groups, and 13 new daytime groups and a further 6 evening or weekend groups have been created in the last 12 months. A further 4 groups were in the pipeline and should be formed in the next month or so. About 370 members are now taking part in these new Activity Groups.

We currently have 70 Activity Groups with about 100 Conveners looking after them and he gave a big thank you to all of our Conveners for all their hard work and dedication saying that Chepstow U3A would not be able to run without them. He also made a special mention of those Conveners who helped the Convener Liaison Officer to set up new groups.

He then gave a special thanks to Kay Mahony who was stepping down as Convener Liaison after three years in the role. He thanked her for all her hard work in developing the role and in helping to create around thirty new Activity Groups during her time in office.

He then went to highlight our first ever Open Day, showing slides from the day. Over 40 groups put on a display celebrating their group while Recorders and Ukulele performed for our visitors. We had over 300 visitors with 24 new

members joining on the day and probably over 20 joining later as a result of the Open Day. It was a great success.

He then thanked Raye Whiteside who was retiring as Secretary to the Committee after three years in the role for her time and effort and especially for putting up with him as Chairman.

He finished by thanking the Conveners once again and all our members for supporting Chepstow U3A throughout the year.

### **Treasurer's report:**

The accounts for 2018 were approved.

The proposal by the committee that the membership subscription be increased to £12 from April 2020 was unanimously carried.

### **Election of officers and committee for 2019/2020:**

#### **Officers:**

Chairman Derek Shottin  
Secretary Hugh Hutton  
Treasurer David Phillips

#### **Committee members:**

Nancy Marsh (Programme)  
Irene Hullah (Membership)  
Nicky Lee (Marketing and Gift Aid)  
Shelagh Davies (Constitution and new member support)  
Chris Stott (Beacon Finance Implementation and Special Projects))  
Jill Rundle (Data Protection, Equalities and Safeguarding)  
Wilf Summerbell (Convener Liaison)  
Marion Huckle (Assistant Membership)

### **Election of independent examiner of accounts:**

Tony Wilson.

After the meeting, musical entertainment was provided by the Recorder Group.