



## **Minutes of Chepstow U3A Annual General Meeting Held at Chepstow Drill Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were approved.

The minutes of the 2020 Special General Meeting were noted.

The chairman gave his report for the year 2019-20 noting that U3A head office had followed Chepstow U3A in dropping the words 'University of the Third Age' from their logo.

Membership has increased by 80 to 948 at the end of 2019. Social activities include coffee mornings, wine tasting, an inter-group quiz and a variety of AwayDays. The number of activity groups has increased by 10 to 80. New groups include Spanish for beginners, meditation, French for improvers, Tai Chi, classical music appreciation, computing, tinnitus support, beginners' badminton and play reading. The chairman reiterated that the activity groups are the heart of Chepstow U3A and the increase in membership needs to be accompanied by an increase in groups.

Whilst the new constitution was agreed by members in February 2018, it is not yet approved by the Charity Commission, although we are working to it.

A number of pictures were shown of the summer party, the open day, the Christmas party and the Chepstow Show. The open day involved displays by over 40 groups and attracted over 300 visitors. A number of new members joined on the day and several shortly afterwards.

The chairman ended by thanking all activity group conveners and all members on behalf of the committee.

The treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2019. The general fund increase of £59 was due to increased membership and cost savings, offset by increased spend on the magazine and the cost of the Chepstow Show. The increase in the designated funds was mainly due to funds being collected for AwayDays and the walking week, which were not due to be spent until 2020. The reserves of £6,571 are in line with the reserves policy.

The 2019 accounts were approved.

The following committee members were elected:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Chairman	Derek Shottin	
Secretary	Hugh Hutton	
Treasurer	Pat Allard	
	Shelagh Davies	Constitution & New Members Support
	Marion Huckle	Programme
	Irene Hullah	Membership
	Nicky Lee	Marketing & Gift Aid
	Chris Stott	Special Projects
	Wilf Summerbell	Convener Liaison
	Sue Williams	Assistant Membership

The chairman and the meeting expressed thanks to retiring committee members David Phillips and Nancy Marsh for their contributions over the years.

Tony Wilson was re-appointed as Independent Examiner of Accounts.

The Recorder Group provided musical entertainment following the meeting.