



Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting of Chester U3A
held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 10:30 as a Virtual AGM.

1. Welcome

Jenny Carley as Chair opened the on-line AGM of Chester u3a by explaining that the meeting was quorate under the rules of the constitution. There are 897 paid up members of Chester u3a, a meeting is quorate with one twentieth of the membership. There were 99 on-line & 4 postal votes cast prior to the meeting making the meeting automatically quorate. At least 47 members were accessing the on-line AGM as it opened.

2. Appointment of tellers

There were no resolutions tabled, hence no tellers were required. No apologies for absence had been received.

3. Minutes of the last AGM (5th November 2019)

The Chair reported that there was a 93.9% vote in favour of approving the minutes of the last AGM. Jenny Carley then signed the minutes.

4. Chair Report.

Jenny Carley read the report that she had written & that had been made available on the Chester u3a website prior to the meeting as part of the AGM documentation.

5. Group Report

Stuart Murray as a Groups Coordinator read the report that he had written in conjunction with Mal Waite, also a Groups Coordinator. The report had also been made available on the Chester u3a website prior to the meeting as part of the AGM documentation.

6. Treasurer's Report

Gary Nye as treasurer stated that his full report was available on the Chester u3a website with the other AGM documentation. Gary pointed out that the surplus of £4,667 pounds was much higher than usual due to the extraordinary events brought on by the Covid19 pandemic. Gary expressed the committee's thanks to Liz Flanagan as social secretary for managing the separate social account for a number of years. Whilst there was a small unavoidable loss for this year, again due to the pandemic, the social account was able to absorb this and has a current balance of £1,719.

7. Approval of the examined accounts

There had been no concerns raised or questions sent regarding the financial report prior to the meeting. The on-line vote taken prior to the AGM had accepted the financial reports presented.

8. Approval of the appointment of an Examiner for the accounts

Approval had also been given in the on-line vote to re-appoint Richard Morris as the examiner of the accounts. Gary thanked Richard Morris for his continuing support and handed the meeting back to Jenny Carley as Chair.

9. Election of the committee

The Chair showed on screen a slide of the nominations received for election to the committee of Chester u3a under the rules of the 2019 constitution. The constitution states that all committee

members must be elected every year and may serve for a maximum of 3 years, except for the treasurer who may serve for 6 years.

The nominations were:-

Post	Term Of Service	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Year 1 of 3	Ben John	Christine May	Brenda Anstey
Vice Chair	Year 1 of 3	Frank Hogan	Margaret Gaston	Christine May
Treasurer	Year 2 of 6	Gary Nye	Terry Burgin	Ann Faulkner
Business Secretary	Elect for 3yr term	Margaret Whaley	Jane Harrap	Godfrey Harrap
Membership Secretary	Year 1 of 3 prev co-opted	Jeff Howard	Tim Carley	Carol Ferris
Communication	Year 2 of 3	Joyce Carrington	Stephen Trumper	Bill Giffin
Speaker Secretary	Year 1 of 3	Sue Foy	Sally Starborg	Norah Clewes
Groups Coordinator	Year 1 of 3	Stuart Murray	Barbara Banks	Helen Davenport
Groups Coordination	Year 1 of 3	Mal Waite	Angela Tindall	Lawrence Cole
Beacon Administrator	Year 2 of 3	Andrew Cross	Christine Robinson	Marjorie Case
Social Secretary	Year 2 of 3	Liz Flanagan	Sandra Moffat	Pauline de Hass
Minutes Secretary	Year 2 of 3	Alison Betts	Janet Millard	Christine Robinson

All committee members were duly elected unopposed by the on-line vote taken prior to the AGM. A short video of the committee members has been made available on the website.

Jenny Carley as the retiring Chair handed over to Ben John as new Chair of Chester u3a committee for 2020/21.

Ben John thanked Jenny for her dedicated support of the u3a not only within Chester, serving on the committee in various roles over 15 years but also in the Regional, National & International parts of the organisation. So experienced and valued was Jenny that she was asked to go to Japan to help those within the country set up their u3a as they wished to follow a British model.

Ben also thanked Sue Foy for her enthusiasm & expertise in creating virtual monthly meetings when the pandemic stopped any physical attendance in a hall. The talks have proved so popular that even people not living near Chester have joined in order to access them. The numbers seeing the talks far exceed those who could have attended in person & have maintained an important contact with members.

10. Resolutions

There were no resolutions proposed.

11. Close AGM

The virtual AGM was closed at 11:05