

Minutes of the 29th Annual General meeting of the Chester U3A held at the Festival Church, Queen Street on 1st November 2022 at 10.30 a.m. and by videolink

(1) Welcome

The Chair (Ben John) welcomed members to the meeting, including those taking part on line.

He announced that

(a) we have 873 paid up members. 113 members responded to the voting request so that represents a quorum.

(b) no motions have been put forward for discussion

(2) Apologies for absence were received from Mike and Janet Money, Delphine Nye

(3) Approval of minutes of the last AGM on 2nd Nov 2021 This was proposed as a correct record by Tim Carley and seconded by Mike Pollard. 107 accepted, 6 abstained and 0 rejected

(4) Reports:

Chair report

No comments received from those attending. 109 accepted , 4 abstained and 0 rejected

Treasurer's report

This has been circulated to the members. No questions were raised.(copy attached). Gary commented that it had been an unusual year because of the continuing constraints of Covid. He summarised the situation as follows: £11,931 income from subscriptions and a surplus of £974. He said he was in his sixth year as Treasurer and under the rules would have to step down.He invited members to consider standing for the position of treasurer next year. Peter Morris proposed the report should be accepted and Christine Morris seconded, 110 accepted, 3 abstained, 0 rejected.

The chair expressed the Chester u3a's thanks to Richard Morris for having audited the accounts

Groups Co-ordinator report

This was made available with the AGM documents .No questions were raised

(5) Appointment of Examiner: Richard Morris has agreed to audit the accounts for the coming year. 112 accepted, 1 abstained, 0 rejected

(6) Election of the new committee

Election of officers and committee members: the nominations, made by a proposer and seconder, had been circulated and the following officers and members had been approved by email voting.

Position	nominee	proposer	seconder	No. of votes
Chair	Peter Goodhew	Andrew Cross	Yvonne Cross.	111
Vice chair	Frank Hogan, yr 3/3	Nicola Runnels Moss	Margaret Gaston.	111
Treasurer	Gary Nye yr 6/6	Danny Fisher	James Turner	110
Business secretary	Margaret Whaley, yr 3/3	Barbara Noden	Allan Fuller.	113
Membership Sec	Jeff Howard , yr 3/3	Jess Howard	J. Hopkinson.	112
Groups coordinator	Mal Waite	Andrew Cross	Geraldine Hogan.	111
Social Sec	Liz Flanagan	Patricia Wheeler	Mrs David Burns.	108
Com. Member	Ken Lewis	Jenny Carley	Tim Carley.	109
Web site manager	Roger Howells	Joe Foy	Lisa Howells.	109

The chair advised the meeting that through an oversight he had not included the name of Sue Foy as continuing as a committee member but suggested the new committee co-opted her to continue in that position.

We are still looking for two more volunteers to be committee members

The chair thanked those who were retiring: namely Joyce Carrington who has been the Communications Secretary as well as editor of the Chester Times, Alison Betts who has kept the minutes for many years , Stuart Murray for infusing life into the Groups Co-ordinator role and Wendy Hill for keeping our webpages up to date

The AGM was formally closed at 10.50 and the chair then introduced the incoming Chair, Peter Goodhew