



**Chester University of the Third Age  
Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting  
held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at  
St Columba's Church Hall Chester @ 10:30 am.**

**1. Welcome** – The Chair Jenny Carley welcomed everyone. Current membership is 1049. The meeting was quorate with 149 members in the hall. Under the 2019 constitution one twentieth of the membership must be present for an AGM.

**2. Appointment of Tellers** – The Chair handed over to Graham Proctor the acting Business Secretary who appointed Kay Lunt & Eileen Warren as tellers. The nominees for committee posts were displayed to the members on the overhead screen. All were standing uncontested.

**3. Apologies for absence** – None received. The Business Secretary handed back to the Chair

**4. Approval of the minutes of the SGM (2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019)**

The SGM had been called to approve the new constitution. The Chair asked for approval of the SGM minutes. Approval was proposed by Peter Sergeant, seconded by Ken Golby & passed by a show of hands. The minutes were signed by Jenny Carley & passed to the minutes secretary to be filed.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM (6<sup>th</sup> November 2018)**

Approval of the AGM minutes was proposed by Jane Harrap, seconded by Gordon Bowyer & passed by a show of hands. The minutes were signed by Jenny Carley & passed to the minutes secretary to be filed.

**6. Chairman's Report.**

Jenny Carley gave a summary of her written report. The full text of the Chairman's report for 2018-2019 had been distributed to the members in the hall prior to the meeting. It is also available on the Chester U3A website. The approval of the Chairman's report was proposed by Janet Money, seconded by Godfrey Harrap.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

The full text of the Treasurer's report for 2018-2019 had been distributed to the members in the hall prior to the meeting. It is also available on the Chester U3A website. The treasurer Gary Nye explained that the format of the report differed from previous years in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. There is a total surplus of £707.79 on total receipts of £39,078 with £10.36 attributable to the social funds. Gary thanked Liz Flanagan for managing the social fund & Peter Sumption for dealing with the rent account for a number of years. Richard Morris was also thanked for examining the accounts again this year.

There was one question from the floor from Dave Gipson asking about the availability of start up funds for new groups. The treasurer replied that funds are available and an application can be made from a group which will then be submitted to the committee for approval.

### **8. Approval of the examined accounts**

The treasurer sought the approval of the accounts as submitted. Acceptance was proposed by Madeline Dearman, seconded by Liz Kevan. Approval was given by a show of hands.

### **9. Approval of the appointment of an examiner for the accounts**

Approval was sought for the reappointment of Richard Morris to be the examiner of the accounts for the next year. Acceptance was proposed by Dave Gipson, seconded by Ada Sergeant.

### **10. Election of the committee**

An overhead slide was displayed to show the members in the hall the nominations received for election to the committee under the rules of the 2019 constitution.

The Officer role nominations were:-

Chair	Jenny Carley, proposed Alan Millard, seconded P. Graves
Vice Chair	Ben John, proposed Tim Carley, seconded Michael Clark
Treasurer	Gary Nye, proposed Veronica Cavanagh, seconded Patricia Gifford
Business secretary	Robert Davies, proposed Patricia Gifford, seconded Tim Carley

All were accepted unopposed by a show of hands.

The remaining committee members were also all accepted unopposed. These were :-

Website & Beacon	Andrew Cross, proposed Patricia Gifford, seconded Brian Holyoak
Social	Liz Flanagan, proposed Pat Austin, seconded Dorothy Carr
Groups	Kay Lunt, proposed Alan Millard, seconded P. Graves
Minutes	Alison Betts, proposed Christine M. Robinson, seconded Janet Money
Member	Joyce Carrington, proposed Brian Holyoak, seconded Mike Pollard
Member	Graham Proctor, proposed Mal Waite, seconded Kay Lunt

Sue Foy remains as a committee member for a further year having been elected at the 2018 AGM.

Jenny Carley introduced Ben John, a member for 3 years, who is joining the committee as the new Vice Chair. Ben John spoke a few words saying how he had agreed to stand as he felt it was important for everyone to volunteer & contribute in any way they could to enable Chester U3A to continue.

### **11. Close of the AGM**

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:50.