



Registered Charity Number: 1168310

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Dunmow u3a, held at 2pm
on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at E.T. Foakes Hall, Stortford Road,
Great Dunmow**

Committee Present:

Mike Best (MB)	Chairman
Ian Marshall (IM)	Treasurer
Derek Jones (DJ)	Assistant Treasurer, & Asset Management
Terry Parker (TP)	Membership Sec, Beacon Administrator
Heather Quiney (HQ)	Newsletter Editor
Peter Watson (PW)	Committee Information Administrator
Pat Jones (PJ)	Outings Coordinator

Amanda Brown (AB) Taking the Minutes

1. MB welcomed everybody to the meeting, particularly new members and reported that the membership stands at 577 members despite the sad loss of friends but the fortunate gaining of others.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Philip Garrison, Jane Tadman, Anna Fletcher, Rosemary Jensen and Hilary Jinno.
3. Minutes of the last annual General Meeting, which was held on Wednesday 29th June 2022, had been circulated to the membership with the AGM invitation and posted on the website. Agreement of the minutes was proposed by Ian Marshall and seconded by Derek Jones with unanimous agreement from the floor.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Annual Report of u3a activities during 2022/2023 presented by the Chair:**
The Chairman's full report for 2023 had been circulated with the AGM papers but he wished to mention that our 40th Anniversary events and Afternoon of

Entertainment were the highlight of another successful year. Led by Amanda Brown and Heather Quiney who organised and inspired some amazing activity and entertainment. This organisation is best known for groups of diverse people coming together and interacting in a multitude of activities, I feel that within the Dunmow u3a we achieve this remarkable feat, which has to be attributed to our excellent group leaders as well as the kindness of the people of Dunmow and surrounding villages. We must also thank our team of Outing Co-ordinators who work tirelessly to bring to the membership such interesting outings for which the u3a are also famous.

I must also thank, on your behalf, our Committee members for all their hard work in bringing you the monthly meetings and keeping the Dunmow u3a going as a credible part of the u3a Trust.

The committee are without a Vice Chair – this is a role that needs to be filled. If any of the membership feel that they could take on this opportunity, please get in touch.

6. Treasurer's Report, Examined Accounts and Report of Independent Examiner 2022/2023:

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. Agreement to the Treasurer's Report and the report of the Independent Examiner was proposed by Mike Best and seconded by Terry Parker, with unanimous agreement from the floor.

Ian Marshall reported that while the membership fee remained at £13 for 23/24, it was proposed to reduce this for 24/25 to £10 for one year only. This was put to the membership present who voted unanimously in favour.

7. Proposed Motions:

The organisation was lacking a Welfare Officer, this role had been vacant for some time, and it was felt necessary to fill the role. It was proposed by Jenny Versey and seconded by Marilyn Hammond to nominate Maureen Best for election to the role of Welfare Coordinator. The membership present at the AGM voted unanimously in favour, with Maureen accepting the role.

The AGM closed at 14:15