



Registered Charity number 1168310

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Of Dunmow u3a
Zoom Meeting – Held on Wednesday 30th June At 2 PM**

Committee:

Jane Tadman (JT)	Chair
Terry Parker (TP)	Vice Chair, Membership Secretary, Beacon Administrator & Asset Mgt
Peter Watson (PW)	Committee Information Administrator
Rosemary Jensen (MJ)	Groups Coordinator
Maurice Pannell (MP)	Communications Coordinator
Carol Yarwood (CY)	Treasurer
Mike Best (MB)	Events Manager
Julie Aiken (JA)	Executive Secretary & Compliance Officer

In Attendance

Anna Fletcher (AF)
Sandra Walker (SW)
Derek Jones (DJ)

1. JT Welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedures for Zoom and that the meeting would be recorded to help with the minute taking and that by being present members were consenting to this. If they did not consent, they should leave the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence were received from John and Jenny Versey, Julie Aiken, Maurice Pannell, Sandra Walker, Valerie and William Stewart

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on 29th July 2020 These had been circulated to all members with the AGM Invitation and posted on the website.

Agreement of the minutes were proposed by Diana Billett, seconded by Lyn Fitzgibbon.

4. Matters rising none

5. Annual Report of u3a activities during 2020/2021 presented by the Chair. JT reminded members that the full report, which had been sent out with the agenda, was on the website. A few highlights mentioned Dunmow u3a had risen to the challenge of the year due to the Covid-19 virus and the associated restrictions. Meetings of some groups and the committee had continued via Zoom.

Pat Kelly has stepped down from the role of finding speakers and our thanks go to her. She will continue to organise the raffle and John Versey will in future be finding our speakers. JT expressed thanks to the group leaders and Lucy Myers for all her support to the committee and the groups particularly for risk assessments. Many groups are being relaunched and each must have a risk assessment in place prior to meeting.

Rosemary Jensen is the Groups Coordinator. The communication which was set up during the pandemic had been very important and valued by many members. Groups have been meeting on Zoom and WhatsApp. There have been three new groups started - geology, music appreciation and grow your own. Maurice Pannell and the communication team have helped to update the website for the benefit of all members and been part of the u3a rebranding. The new tri-fold leaflet was highlighted. JT also expressed her thanks to Marilyn and Roger Hammond for the newsletters which have been so important this year. The first trip of the year to Blenheim Palace was successfully completed and greatly enjoyed.

TP reported that for the year 20-21, 54 new members had joined giving a total of 559 members. The membership fee was maintained at £13. We will still need to cover subscription to the Third Age Trust and for the magazine Resignations from the committee have been received from Colin Bradley, Jenny Salisbury, Julie Aiken, Terry Cash and Maurice Pannell. Terry Cash will continue to organise outings in a committee support role. JT thanked them for their service. Thanks were also offered to Maureen Best for stepping in to the secretarial role.

6. Treasurer's Report, Examined Accounts and Report of Independent Examiner 2020/2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed.

Proposed by: Terry Cash Seconded by: Mike Best

CY (Treasurer) reported that we have a higher balance than last year due to the lockdown and suspension of meetings. All monies will be going back in to the u3a and we are able to keep the subscription to £13 and there will be Christmas event. All previously booked theatre trips had been fully refunded. It is also planned to give some support to groups for major purchases which will be added to the u3a assets register.

7. JT reported that there had been variation to Dunmow u3a Constitution to allow online and hybrid Annual General Meetings to be held. Rewording is in line with Third Age Trust advice.

Proposed by: Carol Yarwood

Seconded by: Peter Watson

8. Election of Executive Committee Officers:

- Treasurer – Carol Yarwood

Proposed by: Lucy Myers

Seconded by: Maureen Best

- Secretary – Anna Fletcher

Proposed by: Peter Aiken

Seconded by: Linda Pannell

9. Election of Executive Committee Members

- Welfare Support – Sandra Walker – since withdrawn

- Assistant Treasurer – Derek Jones

Proposed by: Joan White

Seconded by: Valerie Williams

Quorum reached and all motions were carried from postal, on-line and voting from those present who had not previously voted..

10. There were no proposed motions

AGM Closed at 2.18pm

Other Items – not part of the AGM

- July 28th there will be the regular meeting at ET Foakes Hall and the speaker will be Peter Regelous with his entertaining presentation A Life on the Road.
- There will not be a meeting in August.
- 29th September there will be a launch event day to publicise the various groups and to promote membership. It will be open to non-members. It is planned to have demonstrations from groups and to encourage new members to join.
- The gentle exercise group are looking for someone to help with the technology as their long-standing instructor has left the group. It is planned to have an online class.
- Diana Billett mentioned the "care for your neighbours" and wanted to extend her thanks to all those involved.

The Speaker John Hope spoke on the topic of the tsunami of 2004 and his life.