**EDINBURGH U3A**

**Scottish Charity No. SCO203001**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

**Wednesday 21 October 2021 at 3.30 pm**

**Video Conference**

**MINUTES**

The Annual General Meeting was opened at 3.30 pm by Richard Peoples, Acting Chair

1. **Apologies** – None taken. 62 members attended online.

2. **Minutes** of 2019 AGM, along with other papers relevant to the meeting had been circulated by email, were posted on the eu3a website and mailed to non-online members prior to the meeting. Approved by 90% via online voting.

3. **Report from the Chair** – Annual Reports to 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021 previously circulated.

Membership

Richard Peoples said that while nationally there had been a 20% drop in membership owing to covid, with some u3as having to cease, Edinburgh, with an excess of 2000 members, experienced a drop of only 10% and the Trustees are encouraged by a current increase in new members and re-registering of former ones. The subscription had been lowered to £10 per person and increased to £20 for two members at the same address. This trend means that more groups and group leaders are required, and members are encouraged to consider taking on such a role for which start-up help and support is provided by the Group Coordinators.

Interest Groups

There are currently 232 groups and 11 proposed groups and the number of groups with vacancies has increased.

Covid-19

The pandemic continues to be a major consideration as to how members meet. The Committee have decided to maintain monthly meetings on zoom for the time being. Hybrid meetings are being considered but there is a cost implication, so they will not resume face2face for the time being. There has been considerable discussion and sounds about how groups prefer to meet. Some groups, especially outdoor ones, are largely unaffected. Some groups, which normally meet indoors, are gradual returning to face2face meetings, possibly alternating with zoom meetings, but approach to a full return to pre-pandemic meetings is cautious and constantly mindful of the official advice and infection levels. Due to the pandemic, current contact with Napier University is on hold.

Work in Progress.

Online Across Scotland, an initiative begun by eu3a has enabled u3a members from across Scotland to partake in interest groups and around 20 courses are offered online by fellow u3a members.

The u3a and the Scottish Older Peoples Assembly (SOPA) have been working together and are holding a two- part workshop on Tuesdays 26 October and 2 November, 2 pm – 5pm

The u3a as a whole is celebrating 40 years in the UK in June 2022 and eu3a hopes to take part in some way.

The Chair thanked the members for their support in the recent months. Particularly he thanks the committee and group leaders for their time, commitment and hard work. New committee members were welcomed and retiring committee members given special thanks – Joanna Morris, Ann Ryan, Chris Newman, Hugh Young

The Chair’s Report for year ending 31 March 2020 was approved online by 89% and 90% for Report to 31March 2021.

4. **Treasurer’s Report**.

Details had already been circulated to members. Hugh Young did not have anything to add, apart from thanking auditor Barry Wilkinson for his efforts in auditing the accounts and for agreeing to audit them in the current year. The report was approved online 98%.

5. **Election of Committee Members**

No further nominations had been received, other than those circulated with the AGM papers. They are:

Richard Peoples – confirmed as Chair

Louise Grimm – Vice Chair

Chris Young – Secretary

Doreen Barr – Groups Coordinator – 2nd term

Keith Guy – Groups Coordinator – co-opted 2019

Susan Miles – Groups Coordinator – co-opted 2020

Maureen Rooney – Webmaster

Vacancy – Groups Coordinator

Vacancy – New Members Secretary

The above were duly elected by online voting – 100%

6. **Any Other Business** – there was none.

7**. Date of next Annual General Meeting** – to be arranged.