

## U3A GOSPORT

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019, THE MASONIC HALL, GOSPORT

1	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pat Humphris, Chairperson, welcomed all members to the Masonic Hall.</li></ul>	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Harold Leigh; Pauline Hollis; Anne Pirie; Linda Clachan; Sue Morgan; Jean Pike; Libby Mackay; Neena Edwards; Diane Collins;</li></ul>	
3	<b>Minutes of the last AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The minutes of the last AGM were read out by Linda Dorsett, Secretary. Proposed as a true record – Jan Almond Seconded – John Taylor</li></ul>	
4	<b>Chairman's Report: Pat Humphris</b> <p>Pat said that she has enjoyed her year as Chairperson and was amazed how fast the time had flown past. She thanked all the members for their support throughout the year.</p> <p>The year has been very busy with U3A Gosport hosting the Chairperson's meeting for the SCN and attending the SNC Quiz in Portsmouth.</p> <p>Our membership increased to over 405 and we had had some interesting speakers at the General Meetings, such as talks on the New Forest Ponies, Titchfield Haven, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and WW11 behind the scenes.</p> <p>At Christmas we had the Pantomime Dame and our Songsters performed some carols.</p> <p>Pat thanked all the Group Leaders for their continued hard work throughout the year. Groups are the heart of our U3A and the variety has helped us all as members to LIVE, LEARN and LAUGH, which is the ethos of U3A Gosport.</p> <p>Pat felt that one of her main achievements as Chairperson, was listening to the members and setting up and facilitating a monthly dance group.</p> <p>In her role as chair along with the committee she has worked hard to adhere to current legislation as required by the Third Age Trust in implementing the new GDPR and Data Protection Policies, updating Safeguarding, thereby keeping you all safe as members.</p> <p>Pat thanked the committee members who have worked hard through the year to ensure the future of U3A Gosport.</p> <p>She thanked the committee members who are standing down: Su Axten; Alex Bone; Joy Hammond.</p> <p>If she is re-elected, Pat's vision for the future of U3A for the next year:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To strive for U3A Gosport to be pro-active by introducing a new data base system in June – Beacon.</li> <li>- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/open day – March 2020</li> <li>- Host the SCN Quiz on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report: Joy Hammond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joy gave details of the year’s accounts.</li> <li>- There has been a loss this year to the sum of £1,928.72p. This is due to the increase in the hire of rooms and venues, speakers fees/expenses, capital purchases and postage costs.</li> <li>- With the rise in costs, the introduction of Beacon and the inability to guarantee the membership numbers it was proposed that the Committee should be allowed to consider a rise in the membership fee to a maximum of £28.00 per members to be introduced in April 2020, to enable U3A Gosport to continue to function at a high standard. A show of hands was called from the members present. There was a unanimous show of hands to allow the new committee to consider this over the coming months.</li> </ul> <p>Jan Almond suggested that we should look at cutting the cost of postage. The new committee will look into this.</p> <p>Acceptance of the accounts – Terry Hunter Seconded by – Sheena Bone.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Group Leaders Co-ordinator: Kathy Parker</b></p> <p>Kathy thanked all Groups for the displays produced for the AGM. She also said she had enjoyed the year in her role of Group Leader Co-ordinator.</p> <p>She thanked all groups for the welcome they have shown her on her visits to their groups. She thanked Leaders who had emailed her with updates, notices, reports and other relevant group information for the News Updates which she has also been responsible for this past year.</p> <p>Kathy held 2 Group Leaders meetings this year which were very well attended by Leaders and their co-leaders. The new policies initiated by the Committee were explained and well received by the attendees.</p> <p>Currently there are 52 groups running mostly on a monthly basis but a few are either weekly or fortnightly. Three groups have closed, Card making, German conversation and Scrabble 2 but a dance group started in September. As a different approach a member offered a fascinating one off session on the history of Ancient Arabia. This approach or one that runs for a few months only may be something that others may be interested in trying.</p> <p>The groups are the very heart of U3A Gosport and can be anything and everything that members want them to be. The success of groups is down to all the members who turn up every time to take part in so many amazing experiences and opportunities – physical, entertaining, educational, therapeutic and more.</p> <p>Kathy sees her role as providing support/advice/encouragement to</p>	

	<p>Leaders and their link to the committee. As we move forward into the next year it is important that Leaders remember to contact the Group Leader Co-ordinator if they are contemplating any changes or if they are experiencing any challenges.</p> <p>Kathy hopes that new members are managing to get involved in whatever interests them.</p> <p>As time passes it is inevitable that some long standing groups may naturally come to the end of their time or may need to evolve into something different. New groups need to be introduced to maintain vibrant and active opportunities for members. We hope new members are keen to come forward with fantastic ideas. The committee is there to help and support anyone with the seed of an idea, to help generate and form their plans.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Election of Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Members standing for Re-election:</b></p> <p>Pat Humphris Linda Dorsett Kate Davis Kathy Parker David Loris Neena Edwards Anne Pirie Proposed by Mary Hardy Seconded by Shirley Miles</p> <p><b>Proposed new members:</b></p> <p>Maggie Gavin Lynn Irvine Julie Bennetts Proposed by Richard Glazier Seconded by Clare Palmer</p>	
	<p><b>Chairman's Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Pat thanked everyone for coming and their support and a special thanks for Joy Hammond for all her hard work as Treasurer.</p>	
	<b>AGM Closed 1.15pm</b>	
	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<p>After lunch members were treated to a talk by Shelly Lozano on 'Cabaret to Conservation. This covered her career as a cabaret artist showing how someone in the entertainment industry has to versify to make a crust! From Go Go dancing, singing, limbo dancing, magician to Kiss a grams, belly dancer and working in a hotel.....She then went on to be an ambassador in the conservation of endangered wild animals, especially big cats.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given from Pat Humphries.</p>	
	Raffle.	
	AGM closed at 3.15pm	