

Minutes of Hillingdon U3A AGM held on 14th September 2020

Due to Covid-19 regulations this meeting was held via Zoom and there were 89 connections, some of which had two members. 85 proxy votes had been received before the meeting.

Apologies: Jim and Wendy Hall, Rosemary Noyes, Tom and Betty Arrol, Ian and Jan Emery, Dennis and Janet Brown.

The Chairman welcomed members to this unusual AGM.

Minutes of the last AGM had been published in the Newsletter to all members. Members present were asked to vote to accept the minutes as correct and they did so unanimously.

The Chairman, Pat McAlpine then gave her report on the last year.

She said that this had been an interesting and challenging year for everyone, and had been a successful year for HU3A before lockdown in March due to Corona Virus, when most of our organised events had to be postponed or cancelled. Ann Lines, the Membership Secretary, was quoted when she thanked members for their patience when they had not been able to take advantage of U3A activities, and for existing members there would be a reduction in subs for next year. Ann and the membership team were thanked for their work. We now have over eighty interest groups and the Chairman thanked the group leaders who run them. The Chairman also thanked those who produce the Newsletter, Bulletin and web-site to keep members informed. There are many people who keep our U3A running by organising visits, theatre trips, rambles, London walks, the monthly meetings and finding interesting speakers; all of these were thanked for their efforts. The social committee was thanked for having arranged a Murder Mystery Evening in July and the tea to thank group leaders and helpers last October.

During the year Val Law stood down from the committee after many years, but we gained a new committee member, Patricia Handley, who will be the mentor for new members. The Chairman ended by thanking all of the committee for their support, especially during the last few months, and the members who make up our U3A.

The members voted unanimously to accept the Chairman's report.

The Financial Report had been published in the newsletter and the accounts had now been approved by the Examiner. There had been one question submitted about the Theatre section where a deficit was shown. It was explained that 50% of ticket costs had to be paid when the tickets are booked but this done before the financial year end and the money collected from members had not come in until after year end. The Members voted unanimously to accept the Financial Report.

Appointment of an independent Examiner for the accounts. A question was asked as to why the person appointed at the last AGM had not done it and the reply was that he had unfortunately died last December and another person had to be found. Mr David Kiltie had examined the accounts and was happy to do it again. All members present voted to appoint Mr David Kiltie as Examiner of the Accounts for the coming year.

Election of Officers and Committee:

Pat McAlpine had been nominated as Chairman by Mike Jeffrey and seconded by Alan Mellors. All the members voted in favour of Pat continuing as Chairman.

The Chairman then introduced Patricia Handley as a new member to the committee. All the other committee members were standing again and had been duly nominated and seconded as reported in the newsletter. All were then elected to serve on the committee by the members present.

The Chairman then announced that Tony Kemp was given continuing honorary membership for all his work for HU3A, especially in the field of IT. It was thanks to him that this meeting had been via Zoom.

The meeting ended at 10.50am and was followed by a presentation via Zoom on "Forensic Linguistics".

