

HOPE VALLEY

Minutes of the 2023 Hope Valley U3A AGM

Held on 18th May, 2023 at Hathersage Memorial Hall

Welcome

There was a welcome by Andrew Campbell, Deputy Chairman. 40 Members of Hope Valley U3A were present. From the Exec, Phil and Gill Wood and Paul McGreavy were unable to attend due to other commitments, so sent their apologies. The meeting was chaired by Andrew Campbell, Deputy Chair. **The minutes of the HV U3A AGM held on 19th May, 2022** were proposed by Brian Salisbury, seconded Petra Bridgstock. All in favour.

Matters Arising not on this Agenda. None

1. **To receive the Trustees Report for 2022/23.** Proposed by Clare Allerton and seconded by Jean Courtenay. All in favour.
2. **To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23.** It was proposed by Petra Bridgstock and seconded by Brian Salisbury that the Statement of Accounts be received and adopted. All in favour.
3. **To appoint an Examiner of Accounts for 2023/24.** It was proposed by Michael Tonbridge and seconded by Amanda Foster that John Holliday be the Examiner of Accounts for 2023/24. All in favour.
4. **To elect Officers of the Executive Committee for 2022/23.** The Deputy Chair expressed his heartfelt thanks to the resigning members for all their excellent work throughout their term of office – Paul McGreavy, Chair; Jacque Bevan, Secretary; Ann Middleton, Secretary; John Anderson, Treasurer, and thanked John for agreeing to offer continuity by staying on as Committee Member. Since the last AGM, a number of new people have been co-opted onto the Committee. They have been doing a fabulous job and have volunteered to stay on for 2023/24. There are no volunteers for the roles of Vice Chair, Secretary or Publicity Officer. It was proposed by Michael Tonbridge and Seconded by Brian Salisbury that the following people should serve on the Committee. All in favour.

Andrew Campbell	Chair
Gillian Campbell	Treasurer
Gill Wood	Groups Coordinator
Phil Wood	Speaker Finder
Petra Bridgstock	Committee Member
John Anderson	Committee Member
Jean Courtney	Committee Member
Jane Nicholson	Seconded to Committee
Clare Allerton	Seconded to Committee

The following posts are vacant.

Vice Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Vacant
Publicity Officer	Vacant

- 5. To confirm the annual subscription for 2022/23.** It was proposed by Michael Tonbridge and seconded by Brian Salisbury that the annual subscription for 2022/23 would be £18. All in favour.
- 6. Any other Business and Questions from the floor.** Zee Zee Heine asked Andrew Campbell to clarify his concerns about the sustainability of HV u3a. Andrew explained that whilst the membership is strong – at more than 100 members and we have 11 active groups, it may not be possible to sustain the management function because there are many vacancies on the Executive Committee. He also felt that no one who has volunteered to work on the Executive Committee should be overburdened with responsibility. For this reason, the Executive Committee will endeavour to share responsibilities for the vacant roles until they are filled. He explained that he believed that all new volunteers should get the chance to observe committee meetings and learn more about the posts before making a full commitment.

Gill Keeley volunteered to join the committee.

The HV u3a Annual General Meeting ended at 2:30pm

Robert Nolan, Hathersage resident and chair of Deafbind UK gave an inspiring talk entitled “Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil” which was well received. Michael Tunbridge chaired a question-and-answer session and gave the vote of thanks. Members were invited to stay on for refreshments.

In the absence of a secretary, the minutes were recorded by Gill Campbell and Jane Nicholson.