

Arran U3A 2024 AGM Minutes

Date	Thursday 28 th March
Time	2.05pm
Location	Brodick Village Hall
Present	40 members

Welcome

The AGM opened with a welcome to all members from the chair.
The chair confirmed that the meeting was quorate with 40 members present.

Apologies

Hilary Crawford
Wilma Currie

Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM on 30th March 2023

Minutes were approved unanimously
Proposed Graham Hill
Seconded Charles Shepherd

Chair's Report

Attached.

The Chair also welcomed new members to the u3a.

She passed her good wishes to Joan Stuart, a member who is unwell and will not be returning to the Island.

The Chair thanked Wilma Currie for her valuable help at the welcome desk at meetings.

Questions on the Chair's Report

A question was raised concerning the correct terminology for the title of group leader/facilitator.
The Chair responded that the usual term applied was leader, but it was up to the group to choose.

Other questions raised were handled later in the agenda.

Adoption of the Chair's Report

The report was accepted unanimously.

Financial Report

Sandra Bentley presented the Financial Report. She added that the balance in the u3a's account was currently £4720.14

Questions on the Financial Report

There were no questions.

Adoption of the Financial Report

The report was accepted unanimously.

Thanks to Linda Mullen

The Chair thanked Linda Mullen for her help in checking the Isle of Arran u3a accounts and proposed the continued appointment of Linda as examiner of accounts.

Motion to adopt Linda Mullen as Examiner of Accounts

The proposal was carried unanimously.

Motion to Reduce the Arran u3a Annual Membership Fee from £15 to £10.

The Chair explained that the healthy surplus in the u3a accounts meant that it was possible to reduce the annual membership fee. She had checked with other u3a's and a reduction of fees to £10 per annum was common in these circumstances.

Discussion

One member suggested using surplus funds to pay for speakers, rather than reducing the membership fee. In the discussion that followed, members described how other Island groups paid for speakers but the sums involved were small and also that using Zoom as a way of bringing speakers from the mainland was a possibility.

The Chair confirmed that payment of speakers was allowed within the u3a constitution. She explained that the surplus within Arran u3a accounts would enable the payment of speakers at the same time as a reduction in membership fees.

Adoption of Motion

The motion was carried 39 for, to one against.

Resignation of the Committee

The resignation of the Committee was formally confirmed by the Chair.

Election of The New Committee

The Chair confirmed she had received the following two nominations:-

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Sandra Bentley	Charlotte Cook	Iain Sonley
Angela Ellis	Caroline Davis	Philomena Campbell

Vote to Allow Members Present at the AGM to Stand for Election

As there were insufficient nominations, the Chair asked the membership to vote to allow any member present at the AGM to stand for election.

Adoption of Motion

The motion was carried unanimously.

The following three people were nominated:

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Norma Milne	Janet Rawlin	Anne Sheppard
Tim Howarth	Charles Sheppard	Kathy Sayer
David Scott	Graham Hill	Jerome Robertson

Vote to Elect the New Committee

The five committee members were elected unanimously.

The Chair explained that as there were only five committee members, the u3a would have to apply to have the constitution revised to allow it to continue with a committee of five people only.

She further explained that it would be for the new Committee to decide if more people could be co-opted to join.

Closing Remarks

The outgoing Chair offered her congratulations to the new committee and assured them of her support and that of the membership.

Meeting closed at 2.34pm