

Minutes of the Oban u3a Annual General Meeting, 5th September 2023,

11.00 am Corran Halls

A warm welcome was extended to everyone by the Chair.

Present: Rosemary Firth, Tom Firth, Felicity Campbell, Joy Sullivan, Jo Sutherland, Neil Sutherland, Anne Archer, Chris Adie, Jennifer Shaw, Elspeth Glenday, Kathy Murgatroyd, Rosemary Young, Pat Martin, Duncan Martin, Margaret Batty, Sue Barnard, Rosemary Power, Linda Robb, Karen Kerr, Janet Turner, Michael Turner, Patience Collins, Daphne MacCallum, David Marshall, Valerie Marshall, Phil Hamerton, Alison Rennie, Mandy Bosworth-Jones, Liz Forbes, Vanessa Kilpatrick, Tony Lyons, Tina Gladwin, Susan Rimmer, Alison Shepherd, Andrew Riley, Pam McGuire, Alison Blackwood, Nevin Blackwood, Mary Sandilands, David Hughes, Rosalind Gordon, Dot Dahl, Penny Earle, Sue Pollard, Tony Beckett, Bob Batty, Joan Kemp, Peter Kemp, Graham Cameron, Richard Bosworth plus 2 illegible. 52

1. **Apologies for absence:** Donald Shell, Joyce Cooper, Gela Rose, Janet Church, Norman Martin, Val Leckie, Malcolm Bowers.

2. **Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2022** was proposed by Margaret Batty, seconded by Mandy Bosworth-Jones and carried unanimously.

3. **Matters arising.** There were none.

4. **Examined accounts of the past financial year.** These had already been circulated. The Treasurer said that it had been a more normal year. The slightly high surplus was because of a delayed refund for Corran Halls rentals. Advance rentals had been paid for the period during Covid when meetings could not take place. The committee and examiner have agreed that there is a sensible reserve. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Joan Kemp and seconded by Duncan Martin. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. **The Past Year.** The outgoing Chair, Bob Batty, commented on the relief felt in having a more normal year. Our u3a is in good health, with more members and more groups and an enthusiastic committee. Although he was standing down, it was not 'regime change', but a re-arrangement of duties, with Penny Earle taking over as Chair and Bob remaining on the committee and taking over the Newsletter. He reminded everyone that there was still a space on the committee if anyone wanted to suggest someone or volunteer. Bob then stood down as Chair.

6. **Election of the Committee.** Joan Kemp presided over this section of the meeting. Proposers and seconders for the new committee had already been obtained and, in the absence of other nominations, she therefore suggested that a proposal could be made for them to be elected as a slate. This was proposed by Pat Duncan and seconded by Phil Hamerton. The new committee are

Chair	Penny Earle
Vice-chair	Sue Pollard
Secretary	Anne Archer
Treasurer	Richard Bosworth
Membership Secretary	Graham Cameron

Joint Groups Co-ordinator	Jo Sutherland
Joint Groups Co-ordinator	Neil Sutherland
Speakers Co-ordinator	Rosemary Young
Disabilities Co-ordinator	Joy Sullivan
Newsletter	Bob Batty

7. Motions from members. Bob Batty, as a member speaking from the floor, proposed that Joan Kemp should become Honorary President. He then asked for a seconder, who was Jennifer Shaw. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

8. **The Year Ahead.** Penny Earle, incoming Chair, was pleased to take on the role. She had read the history of the group and thanked committee members, past and present, for their informative records. She expressed a wish to visit groups to meet more members and understand details of each group's functioning. She noted a new pickleball group and a series of politics lectures and invited members to request or create events or groups according to their interests. Members could also join online groups across Scotland and the rest of the UK. The Chair thanked all for their attendance and continued interest and activities, which kept Oban U3A thriving.

9. **Any Other Competent Business.** A member who wished to download the Newsletter found they could not do so using the new system. The Chair promised to look into this and the Vice-chair pointed out that all Newsletters are available on the Website.

10. **Date and place of the next AGM.** Tuesday 3rd September 2024, Corran Halls.

The meeting was then formally closed and the 15th birthday cake was cut.