

MINUTES OF THE PRVU3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021

Present: 18 members

Apologies: Christine Moore, John Rice and Gill Wilson

1 .Chairman's Annual Report: (Peter Traves)

The report had previously been circulated to all members and was unanimously adopted. Peter added that it was very commendable that we had kept going through Lockdown, we had never heard of Zoom 18 months ago and what an asset it had proved to enable us to sustain so many activities, and, through innovation and hard work, our organisation had played an important role within the community. He thanked all members of the committee for their individual skills and commitment and he considered it a privilege to work with such an enthusiastic group of people. We have no targets for membership and our aim is to reach as many people as possible within our area, who have no idea about our organisation. A celebratory open meeting is planned September to thank our members for their support. After four years in office, he is now standing down and Janet Walsh was unanimously voted on as Peter's successor. Doreen Thomas, in her role as honorary president, thanked Peter for all that he has done to establish our vibrant u3a. He has been an exceptional chairman, listener, confidante and someone who has always had the very best interests of u3a at heart.

2. Annual Audited Accounts: (Janet Walsh)

A breakdown of all income and expenditure had previously been sent out to members and Janet reported we had a healthy balance of £2578 as at 28th February 2021. Janet pointed out that central costs for membership and the Third age Matters magazine subscriptions were the main expenditure items. The accounts had been officially audited by Colin Sharp and they were unanimously accepted as a true record. Janet would be standing down from this post to take on the role of Chairman and Peter Traves would become the new treasurer.

3. Appointment of an Auditor for the 2021/2022 Accounts:

Colin Sharp had agreed to continue with this role and this nomination was unanimously accepted.

4. Election of Committee Officers and Members:

As no additional nominations had been received, the committee for 2021/22 were voted in as follows:

- Chair – Janet Walsh (also link to FoPI)
- Vice-Chair – Bob Boden (responsible for planning open meetings)
- Secretary – Doreen Thomas
- Treasurer – Peter Traves
- Membership Secretary – Hugh Scriven
- Publicity and Communications – Judith Rice and Susan Lockwood
- Interest Group Co-ordinator – Merle Traves
- New Committee Members – David Taylor and Pam Wyatt

5. Resolutions submitted by members: None were received.

6. Open Discussion on ways forward:

- Merle thanked co-ordinators for keeping our u3a thriving, and maintaining a presence during the last year, under exceptional circumstances, and she felt some groups now had a greater depth, doing more research online etc. The activity groups have only just begun to re-convene.
- Jane Sims has stepped down from the committee and she was thanked for the enormous contribution she had made to setting up and supporting the activity groups.
- Our Facebook page is now up and running and Merle is our link person, and all members are encouraged to post appropriate messages.
- The Open meetings via Zoom have been very successful with a wide variety of speakers, and Bob was thanked for his sterling work.
- We have had regional level representation through Peter, and this has been very useful and we will continue to have a presence.
- A celebratory re-launch meeting will take place on 16 September at Minsterley Parish Hall to thank members for their support and resilience. We are aware that some people are still nervous about the new 'normal.'

7. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing was raised.

8. Date of next AGM: Wednesday, 20th July 2022.