



Pontyclun U3A

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 24 May 2021 at 14.00

This was held over Zoom

There were 25 out of 145 paid up members in attendance thereby meeting the quorum criteria of 10% of the total number of paid-up members in attendance.

Chair: Christine Dickson

Secretary: Sharon Corbett

2021.1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to our virtual Annual General Meeting for 2021.

Copies of the Agenda, Financial Report, Treasurer's report, Minutes from 2019 and Policy documents had been previously uploaded to the website.

2021.2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from: Barbara Hancock. All members had been emailed invitations to the meeting.

2021.3 Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM held on 20 May 2019 had been previously circulated. The Chair asked for members' approval of the minutes. Chris noted that although this was 2 years ago, we do need to approve these minutes as a formality.

Agreed: to approve the minutes of the AGM held on 20 May 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting.

Approval proposed by Sheila Gifford and seconded by Paul Frowen

2021.4 Model Constitution

This is far more applicable to us now. An updated model constitution had been uploaded to the website. The Chair asked for members' approval of the Constitution. Chris thanked Sharon for all the work she had done to make this AGM possible.

Agreed: the date of accepting the Constitution will be today's date. 24 May 2021

Approval proposed by Sandra Roberts and seconded by Paul and Tess Blissett.

2021.5 To approve the Annual Report of Pontyclun U3A activities 2020/2021

The Chair read out her report for the year and this will be uploaded to the website.

Members agreed and duly approved the Annual Report 2020/2021

Approval proposed by Chris Latus and seconded by Sandra Roberts

2021.6 To approve the Treasurer’s Report and Examined Accounts for 2020/2021

The examined accounts and statement of income and expenditure for 2020/2021 had been previously uploaded to the website. The Chair noted that all monies were now in the same bank. She also thanked Barbara Hancock for her contribution over the past 5 years. Since the accounts were signed off, the money in Yorkshire Building Society has now been transferred to HSBC account. £1259.11 is now in HSBC. £3253.02 was total at 25.4.2021.

Members agreed and duly approved the Treasurer’s Report and Examined Accounts for 2020/2021

Approval proposed by: Chris Latus seconded by Sandra Roberts

2021.7 To Approve Mr David Pryor

A letter confirming the examination of our accounts from Mr Pryor had been previously uploaded to the website. Chris thanked David on behalf of everyone.

Members duly accepted and approved Mr David Pryor as Examiner of Accounts for 2020/2021

Approval proposed by Sharon Corbett and seconded by Tess Blissett

2021.8 To Elect the Chair and members of the Executive Committee for 2021/2022

The nominations for the Executive Committee had been previously uploaded to the website and proposed and seconded as shown below. The Chair had also named them in her report **2021.5**.

Position nominated for	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Deputy Chair	Christine Dickson	Jan Gourley	Sharon Corbett
Deputy Chair	Paul Frowen	JJ Jorgenson	Jan Gourley
Secretary	Sharon Corbett	C Dickson	JJ Jorgensen
Treasurer	Stella Reynolds	Sharon Corbett	Julie Rowe
Groups Co-Ordinator	Gordon Hill	P Peck	Enid Rees
Newsletter and Communications	Sheila Gifford	Enid Rees	P Peck
Membership Secretary/s	Sarah Carmichael	P C Smith	C Dickson
Support Contact	Sandra Roberts	Julie Rowe	P C Smith

Members approved the nominations for the Executive Committee for 2021/2022

Approval proposed by Peter Cox and seconded by David Grain.

The Chair noted that this was the end of our Agenda. She then added that several policies had been updated and were all on the website for all to view.

The Chair noted that the legal part of the meeting ended at 14.18.

The Chair then asked members to raise their hands if they had any questions.

Questions arising from the Annual General Meeting

David Grain asked who the Trustees were within the Constitution.

Chris replied that the Committee members are Trustees of Pontyclun u3a.

Chris Latus asked how many members we had now.

Stella replied 148 paid up with 1 who will pay as soon as group starts.

Chris stated how delighted she is with the number of members we have.

Judith thanked Chris for continuing as Vice Chair and all the work she had done.

She then went on to ask when we might meet in the Community Hall. Chris replied she had asked the caretaker but according to Welsh Assembly we can still only have 15 people at one time, therefore we cannot have a meeting. If it increases to 30, we may be able to have 2 x 30 members plus ¼ hour gap to clean up on the 3rd Monday. No speakers but just catch up informally.

Jan Gourley asked whether anything had happened re meetings with Garth Olwg. Gordon replied we might launch play reading for members of both at the end of summer. Gordon said they are leaning on us about how to do things.

Chris then spoke about how we are looking for someone to lead the bird watching group as the existing Group leaders no longer wish to carry on. Chris thanked them for the success of the group during the last 5 years and said she perfectly understood why they no longer wished to be leaders. Chris said she is happy to do the risk assessments etc but needs someone who knows about birds to lead it.

Chris was also asked if any other groups have gone due to pandemic or changes made. Sheila Gifford said she and Stella are looking at having an Art Appreciation Group instead of just an Art Group. Members would be asked to bring their own ideas to the group and also visits to galleries could be arranged.

Gordon said some groups were in abeyance for obvious reasons ie meet at houses or seasonal or groups who make visits. However, all other groups are making plans to reopen. Walking and gardening groups have started. Book Group is meeting in Café 50 on Friday this week having continued during the pandemic by email.

History Group has plans to meet in Café 50 in 3 weeks. Other groups are also planning to meet in the coming weeks. Some may not formally open till after summer. 8 of 17 are up and running and 2 or 3 are close to it.

Jan Gourley congratulated the Committee on keeping our u3a going so strongly throughout lockdown.

Petanque started about a month ago – about 9 or 10 meet every Tuesday at moment.

Chris asked Nina about the bird watching Zoom but she said that they were more of a group of friends now. (5 met every week).

Judith Stevens asked about walking group. Chris said 2nd and 4th Monday – about 3 miles long. Overriding thing is the social and friendship side. We like to have a watering hole at the end of it. Before lockdown we shared cars but of course now we are not able to do that. The new group will be on the first Tuesday of the month and that will be longer walks and sometimes further afield. Sharon said we normally plan walks in advance and these are uploaded to the website so that everyone can see them.

Gordon asked when the new walking group should be set up so he can add it Beacon. Walking Group 1 and Walking Group 2. Chris Latus suggested Monday walk – should be renamed walk and talk!

Nina then asked if we had a family history group – Chris said we used to have one and Barbara Hancock ran it. Sharon said that if we found a slot in Café 50 and if people brought a laptop or tablet, they could log into the Family History website.

Gordon said that we should canvas members re suggestions for groups and Chris said after our Committee meeting on Wednesday, we will decide what to do re asking for suggestions, although as Sharon said this has been done many times.

Chris said thank you to everyone and fingers crossed we can meet face to face very soon.

Dated 24 May 2021