

Minutes of the  
15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
PRESTON PARK u3a

Held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 2.15 pm

At Knoyle Hall, Knoyle Road, Brighton

The Chairman, John Colman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Not applicable.

**2. Minutes of the SGM and AGM held on 2 December 2021**

The minutes of the SGM and AGM were noted and, having been on the PPU3a website for many months, these were deemed to be accepted and approval of the minutes was proposed and seconded.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

**4. To approve the increase to an annual subscription of £15**

Some of the bodies we affiliate to are increasing prices and, in addition, hall hire and tutor fees are rising and this is the reason why it is proposed to increase our annual subscription to £15. This was proposed and seconded and approval given.

**5. Chair's Report**

The Chairman gave his annual report which is available on the website.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Thomas presented his Financial Report, giving a summary of our current financial position. The accounts had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

The year started quite slowly with the Interest and Social groups becoming more active. Figures are slightly down on those pre-pandemic but have made a considerable recovery compared to the last 2 years. Our income this year was £38k as compared with £8k for last year. Our profit this year was £700, compared to last year when we made an overall loss of £1800.

Looking at the income breakdown, as expected there were increases in Interest Group subscriptions and visit fees. Membership fees were doubled as we reinstated £14 per annum having halved this to £7 during the pandemic.

As far as expenditure is concerned, a similar pattern emerges with hall hire, tutor fees and Group visit fees all showing considerable increases. Under Expenses/Donations, this included a donation of £350 to the Friends of Preston Park for the purchase of Cherry Trees for a new walk. This did not effectively come out of u3a funds but was supplied by generous contributions from our individual members. We did however pay for a number of members to attend a First Aid course costing £360.

The Balance Sheet shows that our financial position is very healthy with a carried forward amount of over £11k but, as mentioned previously under item 4, we are experiencing increases in affiliations, hall hire and tutor fees and that is why we have proposed an increase in the annual subscription.

Kevin Thomas confirmed that this was his last presentation as Treasurer as he has held this position for 6 years which is the maximum amount of time that a Treasurer can serve under our Constitution. Kevin has very much enjoyed the role but he is happy to hand over the reins and John Curwen has agreed to stand as Treasurer.

#### **7. To approve the report of the examiner of the accounts**

The accounts for the year ending 31 October 2022 have been examined, reviewed and signed off by Mr A J Ashby FCA.

#### **8. Resignation of Officers and other Executive Committee members**

At this point all existing Officers and Committee members resigned, as required by our Constitution.

It was noted that 5 additional members had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year and these members are Charmian Hartley, Susan Philip, Carol Jenkins, Liz Rugg and John Curwen.

Marion Watson was standing down, having given long and valued service both on and off the Committee as Membership Secretary. Alan Beebe has stood down from the Committee and he had been a founder member and served as Chair for 3 years and a Committee member for 15 years so has been a stalwart of our u3a. John thanked Marion and Alan for their sterling work and they were both presented with a gift voucher.

John Colman thanked Kevin Thomas for his hard work as Treasurer over the past 6 years and he was presented with a gift voucher. He had done an excellent job in what is considered the most difficult Committee role to fill.

Roger Luther was also thanked for producing the monthly update and Ann Kerrison for her informative Interest Group newsletters throughout the year. Thanks were also given to Norma Noakes for her work in updating the website, Sue Lacey for catering and the hall stewards for setting up Knoyle Hall for our monthly meetings.

#### **9. Election of Officers**

Christine Hooper as Secretary has received the following nominations for Office which have been proposed and seconded. The nomination forms were confirmed as all in order and the nominees have all agreed to stand:

Chair	John Colman
Vice Chair	Terry Careford
Treasurer	John Curwen
Secretary	Christine Hooper

No other nominations were received for Office so the above were elected for 2023 without the need for a vote.

#### **10. Election of Committee members**

The following nominations for Committee members have been proposed and seconded by members and the nominees have all agreed to stand:

Kevin Thomas, Philip Haughey, Charmian Hartley, Carol Jenkins, Susan Philip and Liz Rugg

No other nominations were received so these members were elected for 2023 without the need for a vote

We always welcome additional members to join the Committee and, if anyone is interested in coming forward, please speak to John Colman or any Committee member to find out more about what is involved.

**11. Any Other Business**

The first monthly meeting will be on Thursday 5 January 2023 at 1.45pm. This will be a Showcase meeting where members can find out more about our various Interest Groups. There will also be an opportunity to renew your membership if not already done so.

The AGM next year will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Signed .....  
Chair

Date .....