

## **Shipston On Stour Area u3a**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 14:00 on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Thérèse Woodward, chair, welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting (AGM). Apologies for absence had been received from Carol Malcolmson, Nigel and Jan Hayes, Jenny Marrison, Sharon Harcourt, Anne Lamerton, Carol Fox, Les Morton, Jurgen and Katherine Fricke, Andrew and Miriam Dowe, Pauline and Len Morley, Jim and Ann Saxton, David Peckham, Roy and Margaret Love, Phyllida & David Gardner, Mike Clay, Jane Grafton, Judith Harris, John Dunlop, Brenda Boyle, Nigel Hall, Janet Duncan, Gill Roache, Angie Weaver, Cathy & Stewart Butts, Zosia King, Lisa Blunt, Judith Harris.

#### **2. Confirmation of quorum**

96 members were counted at the meeting although there were more than that present. The membership was 335 and 20% was required for a quorum. Thus, the meeting was quorate.

#### **3. Resolution to approve the minutes of the AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

Minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated to members before the meeting. Robin Furneaux proposed that they be approved, seconded by Jo Palmer. They were approved unanimously.

#### **4. Matters arising**

There were no questions or comments about the minutes of the 2021 AGM.

#### **5. The chair's report for 2021/22**

Thérèse Woodward read her report which had been circulated to members before the meeting. She said that she was not seeking re-election as chair. The executive committee and the membership were very grateful for all her work as chair particularly as, during her time in office, she had to contend with the difficulties due to covid. There were no questions or comments.

#### **6. Resolution to approve the annual accounts for year 2021-22**

The accounts had been circulated to members before the meeting. Thérèse Woodward read an explanatory statement from John Dunlop, treasurer. A member made the following comments.

- The income and expenditure final figure for the year should show "deficit" instead of surplus (negative).
- The letter from the examiner of the accounts should have been sent to the members.
- The figure of £1,121.00 for miscellaneous was high and the analysis should have been shown to members.
- The current liabilities rounding up showed a £1 error in calculations.

These points were discussed with the member following closure of the meeting.

Another member said that the committee should cease to charge £2 for attendance at a monthly meeting.

Elaine Hobday proposed that the accounts be approved, seconded by John Keayes. They were approved with no-one against and one abstention.

## **7. Election of the new executive committee**

Robin Furneaux, secretary, explained the procedure. He identified two groups: i) the members of the current committee who had been elected at the 2021 AGM and ii) those who had joined the committee since the 2021 AGM. Their profiles had been circulated to members before the meeting. Catherine Darby nominated the first group for re-election, second by Pat Hutton. David Squires nominated the second group for election, seconded by Richard Henderson. No other nominations had been received. Thus, those nominated were Brenda Boyle, John Dunlop, Jackie Finlay, Robin Furneaux, John Keayes, Jean Le Breuilly, Marion Lowe, Helen Pendery, Lynne Richardson, Jenny Shepperd, Richard Taylor and Thérèse Woodward. They were duly elected unanimously.

## **8. Election of the new u3a officers**

Thérèse Woodward said the following individuals were candidates to take the officer roles. They were elected unanimously.

Jean Le Breuilly, chair  
Brenda Boyle, deputy chair  
Robin Furneaux, secretary  
John Dunlop, treasurer

## **9. Resolution to adopt the new constitution**

The new constitution had been made available to members on the website and copies were available for perusal at the meeting. Robin Furneaux explained the background behind this. It is the model constitution published by the Third Age Trust (TAT) in 2021, which TAT recommended be adopted by all u3as. It has advantages over the existing constitution including a lower threshold for quorums at AGMs, proxy voting and details on the use of electronic means of attendance. A member asked whether there were any disadvantages. Robin Furneaux said that the provision limiting a member of the executive committee to no more than three consecutive years in a role could be considered so. TAT introduced it to encourage a greater turnover of committee members. However, it might be difficult to find new members. Thérèse Woodward proposed the adoption of the new constitution, seconded by Jackie Finlay. It was approved with none against and one abstention.

## **10. Any other business**

There was no other business

## **11. Closure of the meeting**

Thérèse Woodward thanked everyone for attending the meeting which she closed at 14:45.