

**Minutes of the Somerton u3a Annual General Meeting
Friday 24th June 2022**

A quorum was formed for the AGM to commence.

1. Welcome

Judi Powell welcomed members present in Edgar Hall and on Zoom to the AGM.

All were asked to remember those members no longer with us.

Joan Harland Stephen Hyde-Gregory Evelyn Phillips Liz Roddie

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Maggie Beeson, Mike Beeson, Barry Cropper, Sue Haigh, Ann Hunt, Sarah Kamm, Nancy Martel, Diana Wright and Terry Wright.

3. Minutes of the AGM 9th August 2021

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by David Harrison and seconded by Ruth Thomas.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Somerton u3a Annual Report and Accounts

Acceptance of the Somerton u3a Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Jane Skillicorn and seconded by Steve Davis.

Judi thanked Miriam Oetegenn for carrying out the mid-year check and Barrie Davies for his work as Independent Examiner. Barrie had proposed a couple of improvements to the accounts that had been taken on board.

Judi asked that members eligible for Gift Aid give consideration to providing the necessary information for this to be claimed as it is a big part of our income.

Judi reported that our current membership is approaching 400, which is down from pre-Covid, but that this was the trend across all u3as.

Judi thanked all the Group Leaders for re-generating groups and thanked Jane Redgrove for taking on the role of Groups Co-Ordinator and making it so successful.

Judi thanked Doug Skillicorn for all his input into the smooth running of our monthly meetings at Edgar Hall.

Other events during the year were the trip to the Isle of Man and our Christmas lunch.

Judi thanked the Publications Team for producing and printing the Newsletter and for distributing hard copy to those members without email.

6. Election of Trustees to the Committee

Kay Williamson has stood down. Kay was presented with a voucher as a small token of appreciation for her hard work and commitment.

Sue Haigh is standing down. Judi gave thanks to Sue for her role as Secretary over the past years. Sue was not at the meeting but will also be presented with a voucher as a small token of appreciation for her hard work and commitment.

During the year the Committee proposed and seconded Doug Skillicorn as a member re-joining the Committee.

The Committee for 2022/23 will be as follows:

Chair - tba

Vice Chair - tba

Secretary - tba

Liz Short Treasurer

Marilyn Muffett - Membership Secretary

David Robins - Speakers Co-Ordinator

Laurence Reeves - Beacon Administrator

Mike Davis - Newsletter Editor •

Amanda Hooper - Events Co-Ordinator •

Doug Skillicorn - Technical Advisor

Acceptance of the Trustees to the Committee was proposed by Angela Saunders and seconded by Ernest Lear.

7. AOB

Judi said that she had not received any prior questions and asked if there were any. No questions were asked.

Judi raised concerns about the gaps in the Committee and said that Somerton u3a cannot continue unless new committee members come forward. Our u3a is as much about giving as receiving. We are about to celebrate our 25th Anniversary this year and without a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, we cannot continue.

Judi quoted from Eric Midwinter, a u3a founder member, from the Spring edition of TAM:

“Everyone in the u3a should be an involved member, not a customer being served.”

Judi asked that members talk to other members, friends and non-members to encourage them to join the Committee.

Judi then gave thanks to Maggie Beeson who is standing down from managing refreshments. Maggie will also receive a voucher as a small token of appreciation for her hard work and commitment over a number of years.

And finally, Liz Short gave a brief resume of Judi's time as Chairman. She said that Judi had taken on the role of Chairman in May 2018 for what was meant to be 3 years. When Covid arrived and our lives were restricted, Judi offered to stay in post for a further year but is now standing down.

Liz said how much she had enjoyed serving on the Committee with Judi at the helm. She said that Judi has contributed many hours setting up, organising and running meetings and events and has worked closely with our partner u3as in the area. She has always made herself available to talk things through and arrive at solutions to pretty much any issues within our u3a.

A vote of thanks was given to Judi for her leadership and contribution in the last 4 years and for bringing us through the Covid years in particular and presented her with a voucher.