

**TRING U3A Extra Ordinary Committee Meeting
Thursday 10 June 2021**

**Venue: via Zoom due to the Covid Pandemic
Time: 10.00hrs**

Minutes

Committee Members Present

Rob Jones (Chairman), Jill Collinge (Vice Chair) & Paul Simmons (Treasurer)

Committee Members: Sue Gordon (Sue G) & June Courtney

Non Committee Members: Sue Williams (Speaker Secretary), John Cameron, (Membership Secretary),
Jennie Scott (Newsletter Distributor), Liz Murray (Newsletter Coordinator) and Joy Petticrew (Secretary)

Apologies: Barry Salmon, Committee Member, Groups Coordinator

Welcome to everyone

Chair: We propose to amend the Tring U3A Constitution as follows, having taken advice from the U3A Trust.

i. Chairman – terms of office and limit on period of service

The term of office of the Chairman is one year, from the Annual General Meeting at which he is appointed until the next Annual General Meeting. An individual may serve not more than six consecutive terms as Chairman.

vii. Limit on periods of service of the other Officers

The following limits apply to periods of service as Officers:

(a) An individual may serve not more than six consecutive years as Treasurer. He may not then be appointed to any other Officer role. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Treasurer serves less than this period, he could then stand for appointment as Chairman or for another Officer role.

(b) An individual may serve not more than six consecutive years in any other Officer role.

(c) An individual may serve not more than six years in any single or combination of various different Officer roles (subject to the provisions regarding the terms of office of the Treasurer). For the avoidance of doubt, an individual who has served as a non-Officer member of the Executive Committee is permitted to then serve up to that maximum six year period in one or more Officer roles.

Objections

Member Julia Groom raised an objection. She said if anybody wanted to stay on the Committee after their three year period of office they could be co opted on. Rob stated that this was the point of the proposed change. Committee members cannot be co opted on to the Committee after completion of their three year period of office and have voting rights. It should be noted that in the Committee list of attendees above, you can see that five members who have significant roles in the running of Tring U3A are not able to be full Committee Members, under the current Constitution. Julia said that she was one of the first members of Tring U3A and was one of the first Chairs.

Member Liz Murray raised an objection. She said if you got an awkward Committee member it may be difficult to remove them from the Committee. However Rob Jones, Chair, noted that all Committee members have to be re elected annually at the AGM.

Quoracy question

Member Robert Teesdale asked if the meeting was quorate. Rob replied that with the current Covid 19 regulations we are unable to get all of our 490+ members together. However, we gave all or our members the required 21 days period of notice of this Extra Ordinary Board meeting and the reason for it in both our May 2021 and June 2021 monthly Newsletter.

Votes For: 47
Votes Against: 2

Membership Attendance:39
Committee Attendance: 10

The proposed change to the Tring U3A Constitution was approved by the majority in attendance.

The amended Constitution will now be made available for all members to view on the Tring U3A website and a copy will be sent to the U3A Trust and the Charity Commission.

Secretary: Joy Petticrew
10/06/21