

APPROVED

TWEEDDALE U3A Annual General Meeting (Hybrid)

Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 2pm

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Sheila Jackson (Chair) welcomed members, thanked them for attending and declared the meeting quorate. 48 members were present in person, with four on zoom, whilst 55 apologies were received. Lists are attached.

2. Minutes of AGM on 7th September 2021:

Approved. Proposed: Jim Strachan. Seconded: Rosemary Hamilton.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4. Chair's Report:

Sheila Jackson presented her annual report (attached).

She appealed to members for feedback on the way Tweeddale u3a works and asked for views on - for example - Covid guidance, the current membership fee and possible uses of surplus funds. The Committee is considering sending a questionnaire to members in order to canvas opinion.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Urs Ziltener delivered his report (attached) and explained the accounts in detail. The current bank balance stands at £3984.83.

6. Committee Nominations and Elections:

Vacant Committee Posts:

Vice Chair: no nominations. This post remains vacant.

Joint Groups Coordinator: Marsali MacDonald

Proposed: Susan Rossborough Seconded: Elizabeth Johnston. Elected unopposed

Joint Groups Coordinator: Helen Narracott

Proposed: Christa Hook. Seconded: Urs Ziltener. Elected unopposed

Member without Portfolio: Margaret Semple

Proposed: Sheena Jones. Seconded: Sheila Jackson. Elected unopposed

Member without Portfolio: Nancy Norman

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The remaining Committee members are willing to remain in post for a further year.

7. Covid

Christa Hook explained to the members that, although current infection rates are dropping, the coming winter may bring new variants of the virus. She set out the reasons for advice on Covid prevention measures given to the membership over the past two years. The Committee has always tried to find a balance when setting restrictions for group meetings: knowing how important it is for members to be able to socialise they still have to consider public health and their responsibilities to the community.

Just as public health has produced the right to clean water, we should now work towards our right to clean air in indoor spaces. Proper ventilation of meeting rooms is vital. Tweeddale u3a recently purchased two Co2 monitors which can be lent to any group in future, allowing them to check air quality at meetings. For increased protection should we now consider the purchase of air purifiers for use at meetings? Should we also request that these be provided in the halls we hire?

Q1 *Can you buy air purifiers that do not use electricity? (Liz Johnston)*

CH: All air purifiers run off electricity but are not heavy usage. The HEPA (High efficiency particulate air purifier) costs about £150.

Are you planning to buy more CO2 monitors to share amongst the groups? (Liz Johnson)

CH: Our policy is simply to give advice on how to manage air quality. We will need to consult the membership for their views on investing money in more monitors.

8. Any Other Business

Q2: *At the beginning of the meeting, no reference was made to the Queen's recent death. Why not? (Sheila Spence)*

Chair: When I introduced my annual report my comments referenced the significant changes in the last week.

On request, members of the Committee then stood up and introduced themselves individually to the meeting. It was felt that including a photo of each one in the Bulletin would help the membership identify them more easily.

Susan Rossborough expressed grateful thanks to two retiring Committee members. Both Group Coordinators have worked with energy and enthusiasm in order to keep interest groups going through extraordinary times. Christa Hook has provided invaluable expertise and advice on Covid mitigations; Marilyn Neal has cheerfully offered additional support to groups by managing Beacon and Zoom.

Susan briefly described the forthcoming programme of monthly talks:

Oct: The South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project (Rick Taylor)

Nov: Sir Walter Scott and Abbotsford (Hamish Reid)

Dec: Rowing the Atlantic (Taylor Winyard)

Jan: Tweed Bridges (Jim Lyon)

Feb: The history of early whisky production in Scotland (Derek Alexander)

8. Date of Next AGM: Tuesday 12th September 2023, providing any feedback from members supports this.

10. Formal Closure of Meeting: The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Attendees at AGM 2022

In Person:

Sarah Baird
Paul Bretherick
Cath Bretherick
Ann Cook
Adelaide Dalling
Rosemary Donald
Liz Doran
Eileen Fletcher
Peggy Ferguson
Elizabeth Gray
Douglas Gray
Rosemary Hamilton
Gill Hawken
Christa Hook
Sheila Jackson
Liz Johnston
Sheena Jones
Maureen Kerr
Jim Lyon
Marsali MacDonald
Elsbeth Mackay
Victoria McLelland
Kathleen Marshall
Brigitta Morvand
Helen Narracott
Marilyn Neal
Alison Nice
Pat Nicol
Nancy Norman
Alexandra Norton
Ros Pyatt
Margaret Ramsay
Jim Ramsay
Carol Ramsay
Ian Rodwell
Susan Rossborough
Beryl Seal
Margaret Semple
Janet Shearer
Jenny Sherry
Sheila Spence
Jim Strachan
Joyce Strachan
Dorothy Taylor
Lucy Walker
Myra Wignall
Andy Wignall
Urs Ziltener

Total: 48

On Zoom:

Maggie and Martin Eldon
Sue and Gerard Bakker
Rona Strathdee
Zoe Turner

Total: 6

Apologies – AGM 2022

* = cedes vote to Chair

Ailsa Peck
Robina Hutton
Charmian Stuart
Mike Betts
Margaret Betts
Sheila Harvey
Eve Gilmore
Anne Hogarth
Bernard Airlie
Jane Holmes
Elaine Wright
Carole Archibald*
Cecelia Clegg*
Gordon Fisher
Mardy Walker
Fred Walker
Janet Bowie
Dorothy Thomson
Diana Morrison
Catriona Lyon*
Faye Leonora Scott
Isabel Faulkner
Eve Gilmour
Enid Cerie
Gillian Limb
Nina Lomas*
Vanessa Garner
Ruth Carter
Brian Henry
Val Ferguson
Angela O'Brian
Jenny Wilson
Paul Dickson
Pat McClachlan
Helen Fox
Ann Edmonds
Caroline Pennycard
Andy Pennycard
Mima Pinncott
Mary Chorley
Laura Birss
Jean Westwater*
Annie Watt
Ronald Watt
John Burnett
Janet Shearer
Peter Maudsley
Anne Maudsley
Kathleen Mansfield
Charlotte Hamilton

Bridget Bonthron
Jean Duguid
Gordon Duguid
Victoria McClelland
Fiona McGill

Total: 55

