

WARWICK DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

DRAFT Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of Warwick District U3A held at the Royal Spa Centre at 2.15 pm on Wednesday, 8th February 2023

Meeting Chairman: Chris Forse

The Chairman welcomed members to the 30th Annual General Meeting and thanked them for attending.

Steve Dimmer will speak on "Ooh Matron!: A history of Carry-On films" after the AGM.

- The attendance of 146 members was recorded. There were 14 apologies for absence and 3 founding members were present.

- **Minutes of the 29th AGM held on 15th February 2022**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Barbara Fowkes and seconded by Pam Ponting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the meeting. The Minutes were signed as an accurate record by the Chair and would be available on the website as full and final minutes for the 2022 AGM.

- **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising

- **Chairman's Report**

The chairman referred to his report. We remain a group-led organisation with 75 different activities and rising again. This is remarkable by national standards. He thanked group leaders for their outstanding work. Our core activities are available to all members but cater to only 5-10 per cent of our members which is low by national standards. We continue to experience a small erosion in our numbers and as a consequence incur a small deficit annually, but our finances are in good order. He called on members to offer more groups, and funds can be made available to seed new groups and venues. He called for volunteers in two areas: one is to strengthen our IT support, and to replenish the committee, for which there were no new applications in the last 3 years. Without a committee we cannot be legally constituted. There has been no nomination for the post of Honorary Secretary, and it will now fall on a committee member to do two jobs. He thanked the committee for their work.

He spoke about relinquishing his role as chairman that he has held for six of the last seven years and believes that we have collectively met the challenge of the pandemic with distinction. He commended all standing for election and stated that it had been a great pleasure to serve, and he would continue to do so in other ways in the future.

- **Group Coordinator Report**

Jen Hemming referred to her report. Recovery from the pandemic has been slow with lower numbers in attendance at groups. Some are still using Zoom to meet virtually. Three groups have closed and four new ones opened. She thanked all group leaders for their excellent work.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Mike Cronin referred to his report. He said that the full financial report was available on the Warwick District u3a website. Our reserves were 18% below pre-Covid levels and he predicted a £1600 deficit this year because of rising costs and lower income. He raised the issue of possibly

outsourcing some of our activities, particularly IT. He asked for questions and there were none.

Adoption of the annual report was proposed by and Richard Piggott and seconded by Sam Sexton.

The annual report was approved by the meeting.

- **Election of the Management Committee for 2022/2023**

Approval of the Management Committee was proposed by Margot O'Keefe and seconded by Deborah Bates.

The Management Committee was elected unanimously.

- **Appointment of the Examiner for Accounts 2022**

William Clemmey's appointment was proposed by Mike Cronin and seconded by Ann Bailey. William Clemmey was duly appointed.

- **AOB**

None were raised.

Clare Johnson then thanked John Wilks, Sue Sheen and Chris Forse for their outstanding contribution to the management committee and Warwick District u3a over a number of years. Chris Forse was invited to become a life member of the organisation in recognition of his work as Chairman, particularly during the pandemic.