

Wyre U3A
Minutes of AGM
13th April 2023 Thornton Little Theatre

Attendees: Kathleen Smith- Chair and Secretary, Ted Armitage - Treasurer, Sue Cox - Membership Secretary, Jenifer Machell - Assets, James Morgan - Minute Secretary, Linda Porter, Diane Whitworth – Groups Co-ordinator
A quorate number of Wyre U3A members

Apologies: Margaret Talisker, Cindy Potter, Sally Scott

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Acceptance as accurate proposed by Jim Swain, seconded by Peter Rawcliffe and approved.

Report from the Chair

Kath explained that she felt it had been a difficult year where we struggled to get members to join the committee. Thanks to those who stepped forward.

Auditor

Our previous auditor has regrettably passed away. The Chair proposed new member Doris Hallimond to be our auditor. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Ted Armitage stepped forward mid year at a time of great difficulties following a change in bank and changes in committee membership. He has only just been able to access our accounts in his own right due to the difficulties we have experienced with bank systems. Consequently he has been unable to prepare the annual accounts in time for the AGM.

A member requested that as soon as these are ready an EGM should be called or the details circulated in the newsletter in order to present them to the membership. This was agreed.

We have approximately £400 more in our accounts today compared with the same time last year but we have pending payments. Overall he expected our funds to be about £1000 down on the year.

Expenditure on room charges has gone up 50% compared with last year. We must either negotiate lower charges or consider increasing the annual subscription rate next year. We are also due to pay the U3A Trust £4 per member.

Question from the floor – Other U3As charge attendees when they attend meetings in order to pay for room hire – should we consider this?

Question from the floor – Are we holding too much in our reserves (£8000 approx). Ted responded that the U3A Trust recommend reserves should be between £4000 and £6000 so we are holding more than they recommend, but he expects after we have paid their fees we will be back in line with the recommended level.

Question from the floor - Why a large amount of money has to be paid by U3A for the coronation meal when each individual are paying for themselves. Member payments are currently held in the No 2 Account and must be withdrawn soon to pay the venue.

Nominations to the Committee

The following nominations have been received.

Mark Morris, proposed by Lindy Porter, seconded by Bill Gillespie

Norman (Ted) Armitage, proposed by Kath Smith, seconded by J Bannister

Linda (Lindy) Porter, proposed by N Armitage, seconded by Kath Smith

James Morgan, proposed by Kath Smith, seconded by Jen Machell.

Nominations were approved unanimously.

AOB

Report from Diane Whitworth, Groups Secretary – We have seen the setting up of the Quiz and Games Group this year. Thanks go to all Group Coordinators for their hard work through the year.

Social Committee – Diane Whitworth expressed her appreciation of Norma Culshaw and Helen Kehoe for their assistance with running the social committee. This was endorsed by the membership with a round of applause.