

MINUTES OF BRIDPORT AND DISTRICT U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 2 PM ON TUESDAY APRIL 22 2025 IN THE BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH HALL

Membership Present

With a total membership of 633 at the time of the meeting, the required quorum of 10% of the membership was exceeded with over 70 members attending.

Committee Members Present

Alastair Forbes (Chairman), Marilyn Stevens (Vice Chair), Valerie Girth (Treasurer), Karen E Herbert (Business Secretary), Diana Coleridge, Ali Turncock, Alison Williams, John Tassell, Carole Irving, Maria Forbes.

Chairman's Welcome

Alastair Forbes welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that a quorum was attained. He stated that it was an important annual event but that he hoped it could be completed expeditiously.

Apologies for Absence

These were received from:- Barry Allsop, Virginia Bowley, Ken Church, Stella Cotton, Janet Fletcher, Carole Godfrey, Pat Grafton, Philippa Grier, Joan Hand, Jen and John Newitt, Janice Pryke, Jane and Eric Stubbs, and Patsy Thompson

Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous AGM

No comments were raised regarding the minutes of last year's meeting and acceptance was proposed by Jenny Malyon and seconded by Mick Holgate, they were accepted by show of hands.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

It has been a good year for our u3a. Thanks to all for making it a vibrant one. Our numbers have recovered well from Covid depletion. New groups are being formed all the time. New groups can be started either when an established group has a waiting list or when a members wishes that there was a group for a specific purpose, the member can start one. There is always help from our Groups Coordinator Alison Williams.

Thanks are particularly due to the committee. Jonathan Bourbon has agreed to understudy Ali Turnock for the role of Speakers Coordinator. Any member may attend the committee meetings to see if being a committee member would be of interest.

This year is our u3a's 15th Anniversary. There was going to be an event in 2020 for the 10th, but Covid got in the way. All we can say for certain at the moment is that there will be a **Cake** in the summer.

Treasurer's report

The accounts were presented by Valerie Gieth. The income from membership fees has increased due to the rise in fee to £20 pa. Gift Aid was particularly large in 2023 as there was a retrospective claim for 6 years, of course this will not now be repeated. In expenditure, the Third Age Trust fee is a capitation fee of £4 per member, the postage is for the magazine and Beacon is the fee for the use of administrative software of £1 per member, but only for a part year.

We provide a hall hire subsidy of 50% or £20 per month whichever is less.

We achieved an annual surplus of £2,465 this year, but if we had not increased the fee it would have been a deficit.

There were no questions about the financial report.

Thanks are due to the Independent Financial Examiner, Kevin Senior. He is willing to be re-appointed.

Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Kevin Senior, Independent Examiner, is willing to stand again as our auditor. A motion to continue to engage his services was proposed by Sue Herman and seconded by Celia Evans.

Election of the Committee

The following had been individually proposed and seconded before the meeting:- Alastair Forbes, Marilyn Stevens, Maria Forbes, Karen E Herbert, Diana Coleridge, Alison Williams, Ali Turnock, John Tassell and Carole Irving. The names of the proposers and seconders were read out. It was suggested that the committee members be elected en-bloc. This was done on show of hands.

Any other Business

Mick Holgate thanked the chair team and the refreshment team.

Alastair Forbes made a presentation to Valerie Gieth of flowers for her long service as Treasurer.

The AGM ended at 1420hrs.

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