

Keyworth & District u3a

Minutes of the Fifteenth AGM Meeting

Held on Tuesday May 28th 2024 at KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH at 14.15hrs

Present : Harrie Cooke (Acting Chairman), Sam Boote (Treasurer) with 110 members present.

1. Apologies for Absence : Received from 7 members

2. Minutes of the April 25th 2023 AGM - as draft published on website. Approved as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Sandra Kirk, seconded by David Pitfield. - Passed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising : None

4. Chairman's Report:

Harrie Cooke expressed thanks to the committee, to group leaders, and to all the members – for together making this a successful year. We have now come beyond covid, and are very much back to normal. Current membership at 476 is close to pre-covid levels. Within the natural fluctuations of groups and member numbers, it was pleasing that there were some 40 as new members. Notable activities during the year have been Coffee Mornings, the Local Events group, and a Christmas Social – all well supported.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts: The Accounts for the 2023 accounting year had been circulated to members via the Monthly Newsletter and had been examined by Eric Smith. Sam Boote in summary stated the financial position as continuing to be healthy. He thanked those particularly involved in the financial matters, Stuart Bailey (Membership), Roy Turnbull (Beacon), Peter Edge (computing), Eric Smith (for Examining), the Committee and Group Leaders.

Adoption of Accounts

– Proposed by Stuart Bailey, seconded by David Pitfield. - Passed unanimously

Subscription Rate for 2024-25: The Treasurer and committee had considered projections for next year and recommend the full-year subscription rate to remain at £15.00 for 2025-26, with the Associate Fee as £11.00.

Approval of Subscription Rate :

Proposed by Debbie Boote, seconded by Sue O'Donoghue. - Passed unanimously.

6. Appointment of the Examiner of Accounts :

The Treasurer and Committee recommend reappointment of Eric Smith.

Proposed by Gill Wilcockson, Seconded by Sue O'Donoghue. - Passed unanimously

7. Consideration of any Resolutions Received:

Amendment to the Constitution (previously adopted 28th Sept.2021) of Keyworth & District u3a. The Chairman introduced the proposal from the Committee as having been formally notified to the membership. He reiterated the reason for the change as to allow greater flexibility in allocating committee roles, having received supporting advice from TAT, for the removal of 'a Vice-Chairman' from para 6.(i) of the Constitution.

Para (i) (Honorary Officers) of Section 6 – to now read

At the Annual General Meeting of The u3a the Members shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting and a President if the creation of such a post has been agreed at a General meeting.

It was also agreed that

The Committee will appoint one of its members (other than the Chairman) as a Deputy-Chairman.

This to be incorporated in the Constitution revision.

[Note: By addition of that sentence to Para 6(ii) (The Committee).

And with consistency rewordings in paras 7(iii), and 8(iii) to remove references to 'Vice-Chairman' or change to Deputy-Chairman']

Proposed by Frances Ryan, Seconded by Erica Brooks. - Passed unanimously

8. Election of Honorary Officers and Committee Members :

Officers

Chairman	Harrie Cooke
Secretary	David Pitfield
Treasurer	Sam Boote

Committee : Robin Wilcockson
Peter Edge
Sandra Kirk
Peter Harding
Debbie Boote
Stuart Bailey
Kath Oakley
Frances Ryan
Phil Brooks

Proposed by Erica Brooks, Seconded by Margaret Warren. - Passed unanimously

9.Any Other Business:

Robin Wilcockson gave a Vote of Thanks to Sandra Kirk for getting the year off to a good start, and to Harrie Cooke for taking on the full Chairmanship role when circumstances changed and then leading us so well for the rest of the year. These thanks were heartily endorsed by the meeting.

The Meeting then Closed at 14.35hrs.