

MINUTES OF THE Eastwood and District U3A

Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 8th June 2022

Outgoing Committee Present: Chris Niven, Margaret Naylor, Janet Lander, Keith Sherwood, Barry Doran

Chairperson's opening remarks: Chris Niven welcomed members and then passed over to Tom Hickingbottom to conduct the meeting.

Apologies: None

To receive and confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 2nd June 2021: Tom Hickingbottom moved that they be accepted; seconded by Madeleine Fletcher. Unanimously agreed. No matters arising

To receive the Chairperson's Report:

Chair's Report AGM June 2022

Dear Members,

Welcome to our 2022 AGM. When I was preparing this report I looked at last years report and it reminded me how things have changed yet again in a year. We have started to meet again in the church and are striving to continue to make our meetings hybrid using the technology we adopted during lockdown to widen our audience. This will help members who are not fit and able to get to church to access the monthly meetings. It may also be of use during the winter months when transport might be difficult.

The committee have also resumed 'normal' meetings and have been carefully monitoring our emergence out of lockdown, especially with regard to our interest groups re starting.

As I have said before our interest groups are the backbone of our u3a and what attracts people to join, to do activities and crafts they enjoy with likeminded people. We currently have thirty five groups up and running with a few others planning to re start soon. So a big thank you to our wonderful Group Contacts who put such a lot of time and effort into ensuring we offer a fantastic range of experiences.

Unlike many other u3as we have also maintained our membership and even managed to recruit during lockdown which is amazing. We currently have 252 members and we are hopefully going to grow as people become more confident in mixing with others.

We have had some fantastic speakers this last year here's a reminder of some of them; David Skillern talked to us about Belper during the Industrial Revolution, Paul

Robins who gave a presentation about the 60s, Brenda Ainsley who educated us all about The Climate Crisis and followed this up with an update after the Climate Conference. Sarah Slater told us about the saucy goings on at Hampton Court Palace and Hazel Griffith gave us an interesting insight into the life of Grace Kelly.

As Vice Chair of Nottinghamshire Network I have been able to learn what other u3a s have been doing to keep their u3a vibrant and growing. I will continue to be the link person between Eastwood & District u3a and the Network and feedback to the committee when required.

A few people to thank; our volunteers, who help keep the cogs turning, the tech team, refreshment team, signers in/meeters and greeters, IT team, setter uppers and those of you who help as and when is needed or organize extra events.

I would like to say a big thank you to my committee who have been a tower of strength as always. Our committee numbers dwindled over the past year, for various reasons, but we pulled together and filled the gaps where necessary.

In addition to myself, Margaret Naylor is also stepping down from her committee role. As one of the founding members, Margaret has been our go to person for information and knowledge. If Margaret doesn't know the answer she will certainly find out. Like me, I know Margaret will be on hand to help the new committee in any way needed.

As this is my final report as chair I would like to say what an honour and pleasure it has been to be part of this fantastic team. It's been a tough two years and I am ready to hand the baton on and wish the new committee all the best, I know they will do a fantastic job.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the members for all your many words of kindness and encouragement. We are still in a transition phase but I am positive Eastwood and District u3a is going to rise to the challenges, build on the things we have learnt and strive to ensure we make our u3a as good as it can possibly be.

Stay safe everyone and Thank you

Chris Niven

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Tom Hickingbottom thanked the Chairperson for her report.

To receive Treasurer's report, including statement of accounts for 2021 – 2022

This report covers the financial year from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Community Account

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| bank balance bf 1/04/22 | £12,884 |
| Outgoings since the last meeting: | |
| Website & Zoom | £99.56 |
| Hall Hire | £430 |
| Speaker | £220 |
| Equipment | £622.28 |
| Postage / Stationery | £96.28 |
| U3A fees / magazine | £1790.15 |
| Miscellaneous | £200 |
| Sundries | £99 |
| Groups | £2996.67 |
| Income since the last meeting: | |
| Membership | £720 |
| Groups | £2963.10 |
| | Income |
| £3683.10 | |
| Current balance | $£12,884.55 - £6583.66 + £3683.10 = £9981.12$ |

There were some questions about the surplus and how it could be spent. The Treasurer explained that it soon goes with yearly expenses and that it is good to have a safeguard.

To approve Statement of Accounts: Tom Hickingbottom moved that the report and accounts be accepted. Judith Fletcher seconded the motion. Unanimously agreed.

To approve for the annual subscription for 2022 – 2023: Tom Hickingbottom moved that the subscription should remain at current levels. This was seconded by Andrea Sadler. Unanimously agreed.

To appoint an examiner of accounts: Tom Hickingbottom moved that we appoint Mr. Robert Radcliffe. Jill Parnaby seconded the motion. Unanimously agreed.

To elect the Executive Committee and Officers: Tom Hickingbottom moved that the following nominations be accepted. Linda Rothwell seconded the motion. Unanimously agreed.

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| Chairman | Barry Doran |
| Vice Chairman | Marianne Sparrow |
| Business Secretary | Janet Lander |
| Treasurer | Keith Sherwood |
| Committee member | Madeleine Fletcher |
| Committee member | Anne Steel |
| Committee member | Linda Rothwell |
| Committee member | Chrys Millington |
| Committee member | Doris Fellows |

To consider written proposals received prior to the meeting from Committee or Members:

There were no proposals received

Margaret Naylor and Chris Niven were thanked for their hard work and presented with flowers and cards.

Keith Sherwood gave a vote of thanks

The AGM finished at 10.45 am