



## Hunstanton

### Minutes of the AGM Monday 16th October 2023

**Welcome:** Linda Nudds, Vice-Chair (LN) welcomed 61 members and 1 visitor to the meeting. Linda explained that Norman Mitchell, Chair was away on holiday with Verity Jowett, Secretary, therefore both sent apologies.

**Apologies:** 13 Apologies had been received.

**Minutes of 2022 AGM** had been circulated to members on the website and by post to those that were not on internet. They were proposed as a true record by Angela Blenkinsopp-Jewel and seconded by Mike Donovan, accepted by all present and signed by Linda Nudds.

**Matters Arising:** There were none

**Chair's Annual Report:** LN read out the report given by Norman Mitchell. This had been made available via Beacon to all members, highlights were

- We have more members than previously despite the aftermath of covid and economic circumstances which is excellent news and it is great credit to members for the support given to our u3a.
- We are moving ahead with digital records and information as is the national trend. The committee members hold accounts and through Beacon all group leaders can connect with their groups easily. The website can be accessed from [www.hunstantonu3a.org](http://www.hunstantonu3a.org) and general enquiries e mailed to [welcome@hunstantonu3a.org](mailto:welcome@hunstantonu3a.org)
- A new speaker system and microphone have been purchased along with other equipment, some of which is listed on the website and available for use by members.

**Secretary's Annual Report:** Angela Blenkinsopp-Jewel read out the report from Verity Jowett which confirmed it had been a somewhat unexpected start with having to deal with Zoom monthly meetings via Murphy. She had learned to deal with National Office and pass on relevant information to members. While there seemed a lot more new things to deal with she had enjoyed her 3 years as Secretary and is pleased to confirm she has been nominated to stay on committee in a new post - Events Co-ordinator, which will incorporate the role of Catering Manager, other social events promoting u3a within the community and other public events that have been within the role of Secretary, so easing the requirements of the incoming Secretary when one is appointed.

**Treasurer's Annual Report:** Mike Donovan presented what is his final report as he has completed 3 years in post and went through the Annual Accounts report that had been circulated with the information on the AGM and copies were available for members present

who did not have one. He thanked Carolyn McDermid for examining and approving the accounts and also group leaders, who where necessary had for the first time submitted details of their receipts and payments as required now. Mike thanked committee for their support and was pleased to have contributed to the financial situation of u3a. LN thanked Mike for his work and in particular for the work he undertook changing the bank account and setting up Gift Aid which have made a considerable contribution to our funds.

**Election of Committee:** LN was pleased to advise that Pat Eckersall had agreed to take the post of Treasurer and was nominated by Angela Blenkinsopp-Jewel and seconded by Addie Thompson. A show of hands unanimously carried this proposal. Unfortunately due to arrangements in place prior to being nominated Pat was unable to be present at the AGM but would be introduced at the next Member's meeting.

LN advised no nominations had been received for the post of Secretary and asked that if anyone was interested in this please speak to Verity and/or Norman for any further details. It is possible to co-opt a volunteer outside the AGM and to hold a short EGM to carry the proposal prior to a general meeting. This would also apply to anyone who wished to join the committee. There had been no additional nominations or postal votes and as the remainder of the existing committee had agreed to stand again LN asked for a show of hands if this was accepted by those present and the vote was carried.

**Proposals for consideration:** None had been received

**Any Other Business:** None was raised

AGM therefore closed at 2.45pm

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