

Kings Hill & District u3a
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Thursday 3 June 2021 at 2.00pm via zoom pro

Chair: Melanie Blewer

71 members attending via zoom pro

MB welcomed everyone to the virtual AGM and explained the procedures and on-line voting process. No questions have been received in advance by the secretary, so there will not be Any Other Business.

1. Apologies: Brenda Pretty and June Routley

2. Minutes of previous AGM/matters arising

The minutes of the 2020 AGM have been circulated to members. There were no matters arising. On-line voting took place and no-one disapproved so they were agreed as a true record for signature by the chair.

3. Annual Report of u3a activities – Melanie Blewer

MB read her report although it has been circulated to members with the other AGM documents. The main points are:

It is only 8 months since our last AGM and in that time the Nation has been in lockdown twice, followed by tier 3 and 4 restrictions and more. We have remained positive, supportive and kept in-touch through various means –

- SIG convenors kept their groups in contact with each other where possible
- Monthly newsletter helped keep us in touch with what was happening across the SIGs and now includes a bitesize version of National u3a newsletter
- Monthly zoom meetings with presentations from a variety of speakers
- Zoom workshop on Lasting Power of Attorney
- Fortnightly zoom coffee morning chats
- Monthly committee meetings enabled committee members to keep up-to-date with the changing national picture
- June Routley appointed as a co-opted committee member with responsibility for Diversity
- Adopted National u3a changes to logo and updated our website accordingly
- Monthly emails and telephone calls helped keep members updated with decisions and plans for our u3a
- Committee agreed to keep membership fees reduced for another year until February 2022
- Membership is 463 and numbers have remained fairly stable with 8 joining since our last AGM
- Christmas e-card sent to all members
- Two members won Easter eggs

The re-launch programme for our u3a is now being planned.

Some SIGs are meeting up while still following the Government road map. Risk

assessments are being carried out following National u3a guidance.

Finally, we look forward to when we can once more meet up and share our experiences and not have to keep a distance.

The committee will ensure the ideals of Learning, Laughing and Living Life to the Full remain the backbone of our u3a for now and years to come.

4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts – David Murray

Net surplus of income over expenditure is £23,226.61, almost the same as last year.

Gift Aid has increased to £1494.90 and DM thanked members for signing up to it.

Understandably no income from Riviera Travel who, if made aware of it, donate 10% of the cost of members' holidays to the u3a.

Membership has remained reasonably static although income has halved due to reduced membership fees but this cannot be guaranteed to continue as some u3a Trust fees are due to increase from April 2022.

Expenditure was within expectations with virtually no hall hire, speakers (initially), hospitality and the convenors lunch cancelled as well as all social events.

£1000 deposit was paid to Hadlow Manor for the Christmas lunch which was postponed and plans for this are on-going.

Richard Fox, auditor was pleased with the processes implemented and security on CAF account and it is the second year these have been done electronically.

The committee has adopted a Reserves Policy that puts in place a set of guidelines to make sure our reserves do not get too high.

The accounts are included in our Annual Report to the Charities Commission.

DM thanked Sue Watson, Deputy Treasurer, all the committee and account signatories for their support in making his job easier and the members for using BACS and Go-cardless.

No questions have been received relating to the accounts.

5. Examiner of Accounts – Vote of Thanks and Appointment

The accounts were examined and signed off by Richard Fox. A vote was taken and the accounts were approved with no votes against.

There was then a second vote to re-appoint Richard Fox as auditor, this was carried with no votes against.

6. Election of Committee Member

MB advised Alan Pamplin is standing down and thanked him for his work on committee.

There was only one nomination, to appoint June Routley (currently co-opted committee member) as a full committee member. A vote was taken and she was appointed as a full committee member with no votes against.

7. Any Other Business – none

MB thanked everyone for taking part and giving up their time otherwise the AGM would not have been able to take place.

She thanked the committee for their continued enthusiasm and commitment.

8. Date of next Annual General Meeting – to be publicized next year