

Kings Hill & District U3A
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held on 1st October 2020 at 2.00pm via zoom pro

Chair: Melanie Blewer (MB)

97 members attending virtually via zoom pro

MB welcomed everyone to the first virtual AGM and explained the procedures and on-line voting process. No questions have been received by the secretary. She also advised the AGM would be recorded.

1. Apologies: Sue Watson

2. Minutes of previous AGM/matters arising

The minutes of the previous AGM have been circulated to members. There were no matters arising, so they were agreed as a true record for signature by the chair. A copy is on the website.

3. Annual Report of U3A activities – Melanie Blewer

MB read her report which has been circulated to all members and is on the website. The main points are:

- Extraordinary event in the history of KHADU3A – our first virtual AGM
- A year full of changes – Boris Johnson became PM, Harry and Meghan stood down from royal duties, Brexit **AND** now COVID19, a global pandemic which has changed the lives of us all.
- June19 – March 20 (pre-lockdown) – variety of outings including Highgrove, Tutankhamun exhibition, a trip to Liverpool, Xmas lunch, “Heartbeats” and “Big Band” musical events also the first Autumn Show and thanked everyone for all their hard work in organizing these events
SIGs now total 67 with several new groups starting
Membership now stands at 486
MB has also introduced 9 monthly meetings with speakers
- March 20 – June 20 (during lockdown) – most members are in the vulnerable category and new phrases have a more personal meaning in our vocabulary “self-isolating”, “shielding” and “social distancing”. During enforced isolation we have continued to support and engage with one another and thanked the convenors for keeping their groups in contact, members who have supported each other, the NHS and key workers of our community. The committee has kept in touch with the ever-changing rules and procedures accordingly
Membership fees reduced for two years (March 2020-February 2022)
Purchased zoom pro licence to enable larger online meetings
- Today onwards (post lockdown) – following National U3A guidance and risk assessments, some groups have started meeting outdoors
Look forward to when we can return to our social activities and meet face to face and share experiences and no social distancing rather than virtually
The committee will ensure ideals of Learning, Laughing and Living Life to the Full will continue to be the backbone of U3A for now and years to come.

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

DM read his report which has been circulated to members with the closing accounts and is on the website. The main points are:

Balance at 31 March is £23,860.20 down by £2,752.04 due to various fees charged by National U3A and £1000 held by Hadlow for Xmas lunch 2020 postponed due to Covid19

Membership income has increased and also gift aid and thanked members for signing up to this
Miscellaneous income is mostly from Riviera Travel who donate 10% of the cost of a member's holiday to U3A if they are advised

Annual running costs are around £8000

Social activities are based on break even costs but do not always show in the same financial year

Convenors lunch is shown in hospitality this year but will be shown separately next year

The auditor was pleased with our processes and security but did make a comment that reserves were quite high, so committee decided to reduce membership fees by 50% for current year

He thanked Sue Watson (Deputy Treasurer), the committee and account signatories for their support in making his job easier and members for using the BACS system to pay and receive funds

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.

Richard Fox has agreed to audit the accounts next year. Another vote was taken and his re-appointment was approved.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members – vacancies to be filled

- **2 Committee members**

There were two votes and Mark Richards (co-opted committee member) was appointed as a full committee member and Alan Pamplin was appointed to the committee.

MB advised Jan Pamplin has stood down and thanked her for all her work on committee.

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 enthusiasm and commitment during this unprecedented time and is looking forward to continuing as Madam Chair.

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