

WHITWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH
SEPTEMBER 2024:**

47 members attended the Annual General Meeting.

Apologies for absence:

Frank Hauxwell, Bill Hutton, Christine Fallon, Pat and Brenda Tobin, Meg Starkie, Peter Malcolm, Barbara Steele, Joyce Ashworth, Paula and Gary Bradbury, Deborah and Andrew Whitham.

Resolution 1:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 6th September, 2023 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by: Ricky Preston.

Seconded by: Pat Myers.

Vote was unanimous by the floor.

Chairs report:

Hello everyone and thank you so much for coming to this, Whitworth u3a's 7th AGM.

Where has the time gone?

My first task today is to reintroduce committee to you: our 'face' of the u3a and vice chair, Di, who many of you will recognise from monthly meetings- giving announcements and making sure everyone has a drink and a tasty biscuit, not to mention supporting our meeters and greeters. Di will be a sad loss as she steps down today but I am sure everyone will agree she has worked tirelessly for our u3a.

Beverley, our Treasurer is so important to the smooth running of our finances – despite huge challenges by Barclays!

Emma is busy as membership secretary, collating our figures and storing data and by responding to new members, by sending out information of what is on offer and greetings.

Nina, our business secretary, is our link to the Third Age and ensures we are kept up to date with Third Age matters, as well as minuting committee meetings – sometimes a herculean task!

Helen supports our special interest groups – so vital in a u3a and she encourages new groups to set up, such as the card group starting this autumn.

Lynne you will know as our Speaker secretary – how does she come up with such interesting speakers? I know its no easy task but she just produces great speakers like rabbits out of the hat.

Lyn B is our social secretary and has been brilliant at arranging outings for us to enjoy. This is an enormously challenging job but one she does with style and panache.

Irene is our media secretary: she collates the newsletter which we send out quarterly as well as keeping members informed by emails of events for our calendars.

Kay is an original committee member and warmly welcomed as the voice of calm.

And our newest member is Barbara, who you will come to know in time as I hope she will be our new Chair – more from Barbara later.

I have spoken to some people already about joining committee – vital if we are to continue. I often hear – no, its not for me, a talk shop. I have to say this committee are totally committed to getting the job done; they take pride in their work and in delivering a top class service. They welcome new members and offer guidance and support.

In reviewing the year, I have to say that it has been a great one. We reached our highest ever membership and this is for several reasons:

- some have joined because they are interested in a particular special interest group; ukelele comes to mind but I also know we have members who signed up for Italian, book club, philosophy, family history and well being. Apologies if there are other groups who I have failed to mention
- some have heard about the great speakers and outings we offer
- some just love the opportunity to be a part of something great

Whatever the reason, its been wonderful to welcome new members.

We had goals last year and I am happy to report we have met these:

- we are financially solvent and self sufficient, thanks, in no small part, to grants from grantscape
- we are now a registered Charity
- we have policies in place to support our aims
- we have been able to apply for gift aid – which will help to maintain our self sufficiency
- we have continued to offer new and interesting groups and maintained existing ones, which I know are so valued by members

I step down as Chair this year, after 7 years at the helm. I would say it has been an honour to serve you and I am so proud of what we have achieved. But I know the Third Age encourage change, being aware of the need to ensure we do not do things 'because that's the way we have always done it!' It doesn't mean I have lost interest – far from it! I am just as passionate about our u3a as I have always been. And I am proud of the values we have established: of being inclusive and welcoming to everyone, regardless of disability or age – my view has always been, if there is an obstacle to someone enjoying the u3a, lets find a way round it.

There are challenges of course: we are an ageing population and age brings all sorts of worries. But I recall one of our early speakers, who talked to us about the 5 steps of wellness and today that resonates so much: being a part of a community and feeling welcomed and connected is so important to our health. Just as a second step: volunteering, can support our well being. I know that we have built an organisation we can all be proud of, and enjoy and I want to make sure we can continue to offer this service to you all. This needs volunteers so please – if you think to yourself 'I cant do that, I've never been on a committee! I say - well neither had I! But if something is worth doing, lets do it!

I will remain involved and serve in any way I can, as I remain passionate about making our u3a a success. Thank you for your support over the years– it means a lot. Please give the same to our new leader as she strives to build on the progress we have made so far. I know she is going to be great.

Treasurers Report:

Whitworth and District u3a Treasurers Report. Financial Year Ending 31st March 2024.

These accounts are from 1st April 2023 to the end of the financial year 31st March 2024.

We have received membership fees totalling £1861.50. We have received a grant for £1000.00 from Grantscape this year, grant money is held over to cover the cost ongoing room hire costs.

Our income for this year totals £6,242 which is made up of membership fees, monthly entrance fees and money for arranged trips. Lyn Brady is always on the look out for new places to go.

Our expenditure was £4,227.59 and this leaves an ongoing balance of £7,032.37 as at 31st March 2024. Our biggest expenditure this year has been £2,249 to cover the cost of the trips of which there have been many. Other expenditure has included room hire/refreshments, speakers fees, zoom licence costs and printing.

Capitation fees of £428 were paid over to the Third Age Trust based on membership at 31st March 2023. A further payment will be made in the new financial year based on membership at 31st Match 2024.

The executive committee approves and monitors the Treasurer's accounts, cash and cheque handling. The accounts have also been independently checked.

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Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31/3/2024

	This Year	2022-23
	£	£
Income		
Subscription	1,861.50	1,781.50
Monthly Entrance	1,088.00	1,026.00
Trips Income	2,092.50	3,158.00
Grant Income	1,000.00	1,000.00
Raffles	120.00	111.00
Third Age Trust Income	-	297.05
Refund & Sundries	80.00	109.45
	6,242.00	7,483.00
Expenditure		
Room Hire/ Refreshment	547.11	1,207.36
Speakers Fees	420.00	452.00
Zoom Licence	100.73	57.56
Printing / Stationery	52.75	29.28
Capitation Fees	428.00	352.00
Charity Donations	-	60.00
Trip Expenditure	2,249.00	2,922.52
Third Age Trust Expenditure	-	103.18
Sundries	430.00	588.50
	4,227.59	5,772.40
Net Movement in Funds	2,014.41	1,710.60
Funds brought forward	5,017.96	3,307.36
Total Funds carried forward	7,032.37	5,017.96
Current Assets		
Bank Account	7,031.05	5,044.53
Unpresented cheques	-	80.00
Available Bank Balance	7,031.05	4,964.53
Cash in hand	1.32	53.43
Funds to take forward	7,032.37	5,017.96

Resolution 3.

To Approve the annual accounts for 2022/2023

Proposer: John Illingworth

Seconder: Dave Matson

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 4.

To allow the committee to appoint the examiner for the accounts 2024.

Proposer: Helen Jackson

Seconder: Gill Clarke

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 5.

To elect en bloc all nominated Committee members for the year 2024.

Proposer:

Olwyn Taylor

Seconder:

Judith Faulkner:

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 5.

Election of the Chair.

Proposer: David O'Reilly

Seconder: Eileen Garbutt

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 6.

Nomination and election of President.

Proposer: Judith Horsefall

Seconder: Gill Marshall

There were no questions from members to address.

Closing comments from the new chair.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 1.55pm

Nina Gardner.

Secretary.

September 2024

There were no questions from members.

The Annual General meeting concluded at 1.53pm.