

WHITWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023:

47 members attended the Annual General Meeting.

Apologies for absence:

Kay Grayson, Caroline Broomhead, Roger Scaife, John Illingworth and Joyce Ashworth.

Resolution 1:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 7th September, 2022 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by: Gary Bradbury.

Seconded by: Pat Myers.

Vote was unanimous by the floor.

Chairs report:

Hello and thank you so much for coming to Whitworth and district u3a's 6th AGM. For the past 12 months our committee has worked tirelessly to promote the activities of the u3a. You may know some of them but there are behind the scenes people too: meet Di, Nina, Beverley, Emma, Lyn, Irene, Helen, Lynne and Kay. I am really proud of everything committee has achieved over the past 12 months. To mention some:

- Supported the development of new group such as Philosophy, Ukelele, Craft

and senior tappers.

- secured some really excellent speakers.
- kept the membership informed of events and happenings in the u3a by newsletter and facebook
- offered day trips to Chatsworth house, Piece Hall and Shibden; Lancaster prison and a further outing to see 'singing in the rain' in November.
- offered (thanks to Garry for sorting this) basic first aid training to interested members
- kept records which tell us that our membership at June 2023 was 107, higher than pre pandemic
- offered training to meeters and greeters and ensured there is always a smiling face there for new members at monthly meetings
- secured funding to cover extra costs such as price increases of speaker fees
- and because of this, have kept subscriptions the same price for the last 6 years, even when everything else is going up!
- established a budget so that we can ensure we offer support but not bankrupt us!
- we also had to tangle with Barclays bank to ensure we had a fully operational account. Nigel Farage needn't moan to me. Our poor treasurer

has had the patience of a Saint at trying to liaise with unfathomable processes.

This has led us to consider our challenges for the coming year. We will

- always be on the look out for new interest groups and convenors
- We will be applying for full Charity status; a challenge as there are many hurdles in the form of paperwork to complete.

-We would also like to be self sufficient, without being dependent on grants and knowing how much it costs to run a u3a we are clear that we must

* continue to support recruitment of new members: sadly some members move on and while we miss them, we need to ensure our membership figures remain healthy

* look at other sources of income eg Gift aid

* watch our spending!

* apply for further grants, if needed.

When I first retired from paid employment, I hardly knew anybody in Whitworth beyond neighbours. I walk into this room and instantly recognise so many lovely people. Thank you for this, for your support and for making being a part of the u3a such fun.

Pat Matson.

Treasurers Report:

Whitworth and District u3a Treasurers Report. Financial Year Ending 31st March 2023.

These accounts are from 1st April 2022 to the end of the financial year 31st March 2023. We have received membership fees totalling £1,782. We have received a grant for £1,000 from Grantscape this year. Grant money is held to cover on-going room hire costs. Our income for the year totals £7,483 which is made up of membership fees, monthly entrance fees and money for arranged trips. Our expenditure was £5,772 and this leaves an ongoing balance of £5,018 as at 31st March 2023. Our biggest expenditure this year has been £3,158 to cover the cost of trips of which there have been many. I am sure you will all agree that Lyn Brady is doing a fabulous job finding new places to go. Other expenditure has included room hire/refreshments, speakers' fees, Zoom licence costs and printing. Capitan on fees of £352 were paid over to the Third Age Trust based on membership at 31st March 2022. A further payment will be made in the new financial year based on membership at 31st March 2023. The Executive Committiee approves and monitors the Treasurer's accounts, cash and cheque handling. The accounts have also been independently checked.

Resolution 2. The Annual Accounts prepared by Beverley Bradley for 2022/2023 accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Ricky Preston

Seconder: Barbara Miller

The vote was unanimously carried by the floor.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/3/2023

	This year	2021-22
Income	£	£
Subscription	1,782	1,242
Monthly Entrance	1,026	836
Trips Income	3,158	1,467
Grant Income	1,000	10
Raffles	111	
Third Age Trust Income	297	
Refunds and Sundries	109	
	7,483	3,555
Expenditure		
Room Hire/Refreshments	1,207	1,353
Speakers Fees	452	475
Zoom Licence	58	201
Printing/Stationery	29	123
Capitation Fees	356	242
Charity Donations	60	
Trip Expenditure	2,923	1,084
Third Age Trust Expenditure	103	
Sundries	58	
	5,772	3,478
Net Movement in Funds	1,711	77
Funds Brought Forward	3,307	3,230

Total Funds Brought Forward	5,018	3,307
Current Assets		
Bank Account	5,045	
Unrepresented Cheques	80	
Available Bank Balance	4,965	
Cash in hand	53	
Funds to take forward	5,018	

Resolution 3:

Appoint examiner for accounts 2022/2023

Proposer: Brian Furness

Secunder: Ricky Preston

The vote was unanimously carried by the floor.

Resolution 4:

To appoint en bloc the existing committee member for another 12 month period.

Proposer: Meg Starky

Secunder: Margaret Croxton

The vote was unanimously carried by the floor.

Resolution 5:

To appoint as a new committee member Barbara Miller.

Proposed : Olwen Taylor

Seconded: Paula Bradbury

The vote was unanimously carried by the floor.

There were no questions from members.

The Annual General meeting concluded at 1.53pm.