

Upton and Lytchett u3a

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Upton and Lytchett u3a

Held on **27 July 2023** at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall, BH16 6DF

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

1. Welcome from the Chair – Dawn Bason welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from 30 members

Val Andrews, Heather Argent, Sally Bridges, Claire Burton, Jean Cruise, Pam + Iain Dickie, Jean Rickard, Bernard Elliott-Smith, Fran Griffith, Andrina Jenkins, Peter + Marita Kent, Jean Rickard, John + Gill Levesconte, Janet Loader, Richard + Sara Long, Jayne Marshall-Roelich, Niki Prior, Lynn Pritchard, Jean Rickard, Gillian Rose, Hilary Sanders, Sue + Michael Scard, Maureen Shepherd, Jacqueline Traylor, Peter Tipping, Garry + Wendy Williams-Lucas.

41 Members attended.

3. Minutes of the 14th AGM held on 22 July 2022

The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting by all present and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Chair's Report: Dawn Bason

Annual Report and Accounts distributed to attendees.

The Chair reported:

A rewarding and challenging year with now over 200 members and 34 Groups. Three talks were organised and it is intended to arrange more next year, depending on finances. Three new committee roles were set up; a New Enquiries Secretary, a Health & Safety Coordinator, and a Newsletter Editor. Website updating was ongoing. Governance has been made more secure by reviewing our policies, procedures and instigating Health & Safety. Members without IT can, on request, communicate with us an alternative way.

Reciprocal Membership with Purbeck u3a has been agreed. After completion of an Application Form and payment of £10 joining fee, our members can partake in Purbeck u3a groups and events. A mirror system operates for Purbeck members.

We are currently a small committee and recruiting new members is extremely challenging. One or two people have expressed an interest but we have no firm commitments.

The members who had supported the committee throughout the year are appreciated and were thanked.

6. Financial Report + Accounts: Dawn Bason

Unfortunately, our Treasurer, Andy Jenkins, could not be with us so the report was given by Dawn Bason.

The report and accounts show information up to 15 July 2023. Our end of our financial year is 31 August. Upton Social Club's invoice is yet to be received and therefore not accounted for in this year. AGM costs will also be shown in future accounts. The accounts have yet to be approved by an external examiner.

Financial challenges have continued throughout the year. Venue expenses had increased and the rent for one venue had more than doubled.

We were aimed for Talks to be self-financing, especially as we needed to look further afield for speakers. We had been particularly fortunate as this year as some speakers had not charged a fee or travel expenses.

The 2022-2023 Financial Report and Accounts were approved unanimously by those present.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It was proposed that we appointed the same Independent Examiner to verify our accounts. This was unanimously accepted by the members.

8. Group Coordinator's Report: Gwyneth Harrop

In this recovery year after the pandemic our membership has increased and the pandemic we anticipate offering new groups in the autumn: including a Classic Book group and Managing Money. We look forward to a year of growth. To achieve this we need more group Leaders. We also aim to attract more men to our u3a as we remain predominately women. Also, we have more members from Lytchett than from Upton and therefore hope that we can encourage more people from Upton. We also need younger members to ensure succession. The link with Purbeck u3a is offering further possibilities.

9. Election of Committee Members:

Sarah Wall (New Members Secretary) and Bob Newnham (IT Manager) are continuing as they have served one year of their two-year tenure.

Nominations received for full committee members:

Dawn Bason	Nominated by Gwyneth Harrop	Seconded by Sharon Morgan
Andy Jenkins	Nominated by Gwyneth Harrop	Seconded by Dawn Bason
Sharon Morgan	Nominated by Dawn Bason	Seconded by Gwyneth Harrop
Gwyneth Harrop	Nominated by Sharon Morgan	Seconded by Dawn Bason
Sheila Twelvetrees	Nominated by Gwyneth Harrop	Seconded by Dawn Bason

Nominations received for co-opted committee members:

Peter Tipping	Nominated by Dawn Bason	Seconded by Sharon Morgan
Riette Hodson	Nominated by Gwyneth Harrop	Seconded by Dawn Bason
Sarah Fleming	Nominated by Sharon Morgan	Seconded by Dawn Bason

The nominations were accepted unanimously and subsequently elected.

10. Proposed Motions:

Motion 1 – Increase of membership fee by £2.50 (10%) to £27.50 for the year to 2023/2024. Proposed by Dawn Bason, Seconded by Sharon Morgan. Unanimous vote in favour.

Motion 2 – To re-charge members the cost of receiving a paper copy of Third Age Matters magazine £3.60 for the whole year. Unanimous vote in favour.

Motion 3 – To change the dates for fee paying periods from 3 per annum to 2 per annum, those being:-
01/09/2023 – 31/08/2024 £27.50 and from
01/04/2024 – 31/08/2024 £15.00
Unanimous vote in favour.

11. Any Other Business:

Management of the swimming pool at Hamworthy School is due to change. This is where the swimming group meet. There may be space for new members, contact Gwyneth if interested.

A query was raised regarding a membership fee reduction for couples. The Chair gave the response: There is no fee reduction for couples as each person is treated as an individual member.

A brief discussion ensued about the reciprocal membership arrangement with Purbeck u3a. The Chair confirmed that this would be monitored so that members were not disadvantaged in obtaining entry to our groups.

A question was raised on 'top up fees' paid by Tai Chi and whether they would be paying £5 extra next year. This was confirmed and any members joining from Purbeck would also have to pay. There were other groups that paid extra fees such as the pottery group, book club and swimming.

12. Month of next AGM:

This will be held in July 2024 as close to the end of the month as possible.

13. Vote of Thanks:

The Chair thanked the incoming committee members and all those who had helped by putting out the notice boards, chairs and bringing food.

The Chair thanked the outgoing committee members, Sue Partridge and Barry Willerton and presented them with flowers.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 2.30pm.