

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, at 2:30 p.m.

1. Attendance & Apologies for Absence: There were 71 members present. Apologies were received from Vicky Roe, Graham Williams, Maggie Ash, Anne Harcourt, Sue Took, Gabby Briner, Gill Thompson, Val McCarthy, and Cynthia Altham.

2. To Approve The Minutes of The previous AGM on 14th March 2023: These had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were proposed by Margaret Potter, seconded by Jenny Foxon, and were approved without amendment by all at the meeting.

3. Chair's Report (previously circulated): This was accepted by all at the meeting. There were no questions. This was approved by all at the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report to include: (previously circulated)

a) Presentation of Accounts for 2023:

The Treasurer presented his report explaining the various sections:

- i) The first was his report which gave explanation of the accounts.
- ii) The actual accounts. There was a question about the small deficit of £108 for the year and the sale of diaries and a comment that the deficit had been reduced by the surplus made on the phenomenally successful trip to Avoncroft. There was also a question about the refund from Amazon which Karen Closs explained. These were proposed by Helen Parsons, seconded by Jenny Foxon, and approved by sixty-nine members. There were 2 abstentions and no objections.
- iii) The notes to the above.
- iv) The asset register.
- v) The Examiner's report.

b) Subscriptions for 2025: He recommended a subscription level for 2025 of £20. This was proposed by Phil Proud, seconded by Karen Closs and approved by all at the meeting. There were no abstentions.

c) Approval of The Examiner of The Accounts For 2023 & 2024: The examiner agreed at the 2023 AGM has been seriously unwell and Rosemary Pritchard had

stepped in to replace him. She is happy to continue for 2024. 2023 was approved retrospectively. This was proposed by Karen Closs, seconded by Margaret Potter, and approved by all at the meeting.

5. Election of Committee Members for 2024-2025

The chair asked the nominees to stand and identify themselves. He then handed the Chair to Phil Proud who put those nominated as officers 'en bloc' to the meeting. These were elected by all at the meeting. There were no abstentions or objections. Neil Taylor then resumed the Chair and put those nominated as committee members 'en bloc' to the meeting. These were elected by all at the meeting. There were no abstentions.

The resulting committee for 2023/24 is therefore:

Post	Name	Proposer	Second
Chair	Neil Taylor	Margaret Potter	Kay Relf
Vice Chair	Angie Barnes	Margaret Potter	Anne Harris
Secretary	Karen Closs	Margaret Potter	Steve Barlow
Treasurer	Dave Barnes	Steve Barlow	Guy Closs
Member	Phil Proud	Rosemary Pritchard	Sue Smith
Member	Kay Thompson	Sue Smith	Irene Ault
Member	Sandra Barker	Stephanie Smith	Petrina Walker-Palin
Member	Bob Collins	John Sandford-Smith	Michael Teague

6. There was no other business notified to the Chair or Secretary before the start of the meeting.

The AGM closed at 2.51 p.m. and was followed by refreshments and cake with the compliments of the committee.

After the meeting was formally closed Margaret Potter requested the opportunity to speak to those attending. The gist of the address was the fate of our u3a if we cannot attract more from a membership of 350 to form a full committee and share the jobs that ensure members have the benefits they have come to expect from a vibrant organisation. Thanks was extended to those who had previously served on the committee and as really useful members. Everyone else was asked to consider what they could do to assist, and to spread the word far and wide in their groups and social contacts with other members. Only eight of the available committee positions have been filled and all those are returning committee members. She warned that unless we can get a full working committee to share the work, one of two things could happen. The committee burn out and have to stand down resulting in no Leicester u3a; OR we cannot continue to offer the wide variety of activities we have become used to and members start to drift away. She asked anyone who thought they might be able to help to contact one of the Committee for advice. We desperately need a

new audio-visual team for the general meetings, a dedicated groups coordinator, and more committee members to fill the vacancies. We can co-opt up to three committee members. That also means we can have some succession planning for the future.

The new Committee then met to allocate non-officer posts to the committee. There will be separate minutes for this meeting.

Approved