

**Minutes of AGM held at the
Laura Trott Centre at 2.30pm on Thursday, 24th March 2022**

Stephen Sell (SS) Vice Chairman	Lesley Casson (LC) Groups Co-ordinator
Janet Wallace (JW) Membership Secretary	Malcolm Luff (ML) Co-opted member
Barry Wallace (BW) Asst. Membership Sec	Christine Dugdale (CD) Co-opted member
Sue Allum (SA) Speaker Secretary	Stewart Walter (SW2) Co-opted member
Jacqui Fry (JF) Safeguarding & Group Leader	Christine Luff (CL) Business Secretary
Rob Scott (RS) Treasurer	
John Durrant (JD) Events Co-ordinator	

1. Apologies: Steve Gollop, Peter Harris, Stewart Wagstaff, Stan Turner, Jean Wardrop

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held in August 2021 agreed.

3. Matters Arising from the previous AGM

None

4. Chairman's Report:

Since our last AGM back in August 2021 the challenge for this committee has been to open up our monthly meetings following the lockdowns, while also giving support to the groups so they can recommence their activities. It has been rewarding to see that attendances at these meetings are at a similar level to those prior to us shutting down, and also due to the efforts of the Group Leaders, most groups are now up and running. We thank everyone for their efforts in making this happen and hope in the future even more activities will be added to those currently in place. Ideas for new groups come from within the membership with the committee providing support and advice on how to get started, so we can only respond to what you put forward.

Also, initially, we were concerned about our membership numbers, but at the last count they are close to pre Covid levels standing at 684 with many new members joining. These figures reflect the environment of fun, friendship, and interest that everyone creates in this u3a. Now that we have our computerised membership system fully operational, we are able to communicate directly with members who have provided an email address. This enables us to provide those members with quick updates and changes to our operation.

Like all other organisations, we are seeing increases in expenditure but have taken the decision to keep the membership fee at £12. To help offset those increases we are now asking members to contribute £3 towards postage costs if they wish to receive the Third Age Matters magazine.

Along with myself, Janet & Barry Wallace and Stan Turner are stepping down from the committee at this AGM. I would like to thank them for all their efforts and the contribution they have made over the years. That goes hand in hand with thanking all members of the committee who give their time freely to ensure that this vibrant organisation runs smoothly. I wish the new Chairman and committee good luck and am sure we will continue to see our U3A grow.

There were no questions relating to the chairman's report.

Approval proposed by Doreen FARRELL, seconded by Hugh GRALTON

5. Treasurer's Annual Report to 31st October 2021:

Good afternoon everyone.

In presenting my report today, I must begin by explaining the obvious – that this is the second year in everyone's life where our normal activities have been severely curtailed by the Government imposed restrictions caused by the on-going Covid pandemic, and this is reflected in the accounts that you hopefully all have and which I submit for your approval.

Although our membership numbers have reduced, the majority have continued to support us and other than a small amount of sundry income, this has been our only source of income at £7345.

Likewise, our expenditure has also fallen dramatically to a total of £4820. Only a small part of the Affiliation Fees were paid to National Office because of the uncertainty of membership numbers, as was the lack of payment of the Membership system – Beacon. Both items have now been paid, but in this current year. One item of that expenditure that I must draw your attention to is the Cyber Crime Bank Scam (£810) that I was a victim of a year ago last Saturday and which proved to be a very, very dark time mentally for me. However, with tremendous support from Steve Gollop and the rest of this marvellous committee and family and friends, I was able to come through that awful period in my life.

The Group Income and Expenditure also dropped considerably to £15788 and £14387 respectively, as very few activities took place until August of last year. Cycling and Morning Walks were able to continue however, in accordance with Government guidelines.

This concludes my report and I welcome any questions from the floor.

There were no questions relating to the Treasurer's report.

Approval proposed by Andy SMITH, seconded by Trish SHAW

6. Appointment of Examiner of Cheshunt U3A Accounts

Election of Christine Hewkin as Examiner of Cheshunt u3a Accounts

Proposed: Rob Scott, Seconded: Steve Gollop. Carried by a show of hands.

7. Election of Committee members

The following members of the current committee are stepping down:

Steve Gollop – Chairman
Janet Wallace – Membership Secretary
Barry Wallace – Assistant Membership Secretary
Stan Turner – Network Representative

On behalf of the committee and the U3A membership, Steve Sell gave a vote of thanks to Janet, Barry and Stan for all their work on the committee.

The following members were elected to the committee unopposed:

Steve Sell - Chairman. Proposed Stewart WALTER, seconded Rob SCOTT
Christine Dugdale - Membership Secretary. Proposed by Steve SELL, seconded by Sue ALLUM
Stewart Walter - Assistant Secretary. Proposed by Stewart WAGSTAFF, seconded by Janet WALLACE

8. AOB

Change to our constitution – proposal that the titles of Chairman and Vice Chairman now read as Chair and Vice Chair.

Proposed by Barry WALLACE, Seconded by Michael CRANE

Carried by a show of hands.

The meeting closed at 14.45

Our next AGM will be held on Thursday 23rd March 2023 (subject to confirmation)