

MINUTES OF CHESHUNT u3a GROUP 10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 2.15pm on Thursday 26th August 2021 at Laura Trott Leisure Centre, Cheshunt

NB All relevant documents had been circulated to members via email and were available for members at last month's meeting, on the website and at today's meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies.

Our Chairman, Steve Gollop, welcomed members to the 10th AGM of Cheshunt u3a, which should have been held in January 2021, but was unable to take place due to Covid. This meeting covers the year 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020.

Apologies received from Rob Scott, Steve Sell and Jean Wardrop.

2. Minutes of previous AGM held in January 2020

The Minutes were accepted, no matters arising.

3. Chairman's annual report

Steve read out his Annual Report noting that back in March 2020 we had a membership of 697 and after resuming last month we have received 479 renewals and new memberships. It is hoped that these numbers will increase as people's confidence returns.

In future the membership year will run from April to March so the next renewals will be due in March 2022.

There are members on the committee who have exceeded the recommended length of time in their roles. Due to the disruption of the past 18 months every committee member has agreed to remain in place until the end of this membership year. Over the next few months, we will be asking volunteers to come forward to work alongside current committee members with a view to taking on some of these roles next year.

No questions were raised, and acceptance of the Chairman's report was proposed by Jan Seibert and seconded by Toni Walsh. **Accepted.**

4. Treasurer's annual report

As our Treasurer, Rob Scott, was unable to attend Steve Gollop read out his report. In order to pre-empt any questions that may arise the Treasurer provided clarification to some items as follows :

- 1) The Membership Fees received this year are far greater than in 2019 – over £4000. This is because cheques totalling £4870 that were received and paid into the bank in September/October 2018, were actually related to the year of 2019, thereby making both years look decidedly questionable.
- 2) The drop in all other income is due to Covid and the cancellation of main meetings after February.
- 3) The drop in the expenses is also mainly down to the cessation of all meetings.
- 4) One amount of expenditure that remained similar to last year was our Affiliation Fees to National Office, which is the £3.50 portion of everyone's full membership fee.
- 5) Lastly, a new piece of expenditure is the Beacon Licence Fee of £424.67, which was a charge rendered by National Office to help simplify our membership procedures.

Steve also explained that from the total funds held only £6276 is available to committee, the rest of the monies held are on behalf of the individual Activity Groups.

No questions were raised, and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Andy Smith and seconded by Patricia Shaw. **Accepted.**

Steve said in the coming year we will be looking for an independent auditor to check our accounts as the current auditor is retiring. If anyone in the membership has such expertise and is prepared to do this, please contact Rob Scott or any member of the committee.

5. Election of committee members

Under normal circumstances we would have requested volunteers to come forward to join the committee but due to Covid this has not been possible. Due to this the present committee have agreed to stay until the end of our current year, March 2022.

There are at least 3 or 4 people who are looking to step down and we will be asking for volunteers to join the committee and observe what is involved with a view to taking over some of these roles next year.

Acceptance of the current committee was proposed by Toni Walsh and seconded by Margaret Smith. **Accepted.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.35pm.