

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

The Annual General Meeting of the Farnham u3a was held on Monday 12th September 2022, at 2.00 pm.

Prior to the AGM members had been given the opportunity to vote by post or on-line, effectively giving the chair proxy to vote on their behalf at the AGM – 137 members voted in this way. 75 members attended the AGM, of whom 48 had not voted by post or email. Thus, a total of 185 members voted, including committee members, 16.9% of the membership at this time.

The meeting was opened by the chairman, Andrew Morgan.

1. **Apologies:** Susan Bussell, **Monica Cook**, Jane Moberly, Liz Witham, Samuel Osmond, Graham Cook, Susan Everitt, John Townsend, Jim Pye, Tim Kilpatrick, Pat Frost, James Burnage, Alison Brownjohn, Christine Booth, Peter Gillespie, Anthony Ashmore, Stephen Tilburn, Annette Kratz, Cynthia Barnett and Ann Vickers.
2. **Minutes of the 2021 AGM:** These were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.
Proposed: Iona MacGregor
Seconded: Glennis Turner
For – 185, Against – 0, Abstentions - 0
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2020 AGM:** None
4. **Hon. Treasurer's Report**
The accounts were screen shared, having previously been made available to members on the Farnham u3a website. The treasurer gave an outline of the current financial position, explaining why, because of losses made during Covid and increases in costs, we have had to increase the annual subscription. Our reserves are now down to £32,993.

The accounts were approved
Proposed: Ian Lapworth
Seconded: Anne Mitchell
For – 185, Against – 0, Abstentions - 0
5. **Election of Officers and Committee Members.**
The Chair thanked the outgoing committee members, Andrew Partridge and Ann Vickers. He introduced the potential committee members and suggested that, as there was no competition for committee roles, the proposed committee should be voted in en-masse. The following committee members were voted in:

Officers

Chair	Andrew Morgan
Vice-Chair	Shree Merriman
Hon. Secretary	Val Atkinson
Hon. Treasurer	Ian Lapworth

Other Committee Members

Groups	Malcolm Ellis
Membership	Cynthia Barnett
Events	Vivienne Miller
Membership engagement	Jane Moberly
Comms & PR	Philip Oliver
Venues	Stephen Tilburn
Programme	Annette Kratz

The proposed committee was voted in

Proposed: Roger Bradley
Seconded: Sue Wilson
For – 185, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0

The Chair informed members that Stephen Mason, database manager, has also been co-opted onto the committee following advice from the Third Age Trust – to ensure that he has Trustee insurance.

6. Independent Examiner

The Chair stated that Glennis Turner has agreed to be independent examiner for a further year. This was agreed:

Proposed: Kate Harvey
Seconded: Carole Pritchard
For – 207, Against – 0, Abstentions - 1

7. Any Other Business

Alan Freeland asked if the Chair could choose a local charity each year to which donations would be made when Farnham u3a members gave a talk at open meetings, paying the member speakers at the lower end of the scale we pay non u3a speakers.

The Chair agreed that this would be a nice thing to do but unfortunately, we cannot do this for various reasons, the most important being that Charity Commission laws do not allow us to donate Farnham u3a funds to another charity. Also, it is against the ethos of the u3a to pay u3a members for speaking. However, we will be looking at other ways in which we might have more community involvement.

Pauline Belfield asked if u3a speakers can be paid expenses. This will be checked.

8. The meeting closed officially at 1420.

Post meeting note – it is permissible to pay u3a member speakers expenses, if agreed in advance.