

Paisley and District u3a

Minutes of Paisley and District u3a Annual General Meeting

Held in the Salvation Hall, Mill Street, Paisley. PA1 1ND.

On Thursday, 7th March 2024 at 2.00 pm

Present:

Mrs Kathy O'Donnell, Chair

Mr Douglas O'Donnell, P/T Webmaster

Mr Alex Smith, Treasurer

Ms Rose Brown, Secretary

Mr Andy Fairley, Membership Secretary

Ms Irene Keith, Speakers Co-ordinator

Mrs Allana Parker-Dymock, Committee Member/Publicity

Quorum

As 74 members were present, the meeting was confirmed as quorate by the Chair who then opened the meeting.

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all members to the 6th AGM.

Apologies were received from Mrs Chris Dykes (Groups Co-ordinator), Mr Rod Ferrier (Webmaster), Pat Cook (Member), Marie McLean (Member).

Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM were proposed by May McFadden and seconded by Roisin Mulholland and unanimously approved as a true and fair record.

Chair's Report

Presented by Kathy O'Donnell

"Thank you for attending this, our 6th, Annual General Meeting.

This has been another exciting year for Paisley and District u3a. I can report our membership has grown to 145 members. Although we are not as large as some neighbouring u3as, I like to think we are a community - a group of adopted "buddies".

We have been getting a great turnout at our monthly meetings which are on a par with other u3as, which is very encouraging. This is due to our diverse range of speakers, thanks to Irene Keith's input as our Speaker Co-ordinator.

We got off to a great start this session with an interesting input by Louise Nicole Brown and hearing about her current research on how to age well.

We heard all about the Just Dive charity and engaged in a Scottish singalong with Jasmine, and then last month we found out everything you need to know about scamming.

Our monthly meetings continue to receive great press coverage, thanks to Allana Parker-Dymock, our own PR person.

Allana and Chris Dykes continue to do an excellent job promoting the u3a via the Newsletter – a main focus of which is what's going on in the groups.

Our groups continue to flourish, thanks to the time and commitment of our Group Leaders. We now have around 19 groups including a Crochet Group, a new Science Group, and Musicmakers.

Chris Dykes, Groups Co-ordinator, is enthusiastic and keen to support Group Leaders and develop new ideas. Chris organised a "Thank You/ Training" event for Group Leaders at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in recognition of Group Leaders' continued support. Chris also organised a Group Fayre in October – to allow Group Leaders to show off what they offer.

Members participated in some interesting events such as a guided tour, with lunch, of the House for an Art Lover with James Winnet. A second BBQ and Picnic at Ferguslie Cricket Club with entertainment from Yukelele Players.

Some of us took to the streets as part of the Sma' Shot Day. We had a grand day at Dumfries House including a guided tour and afternoon tea, with a special birthday celebration.

Members participated in the West End u3a Quiz and this year we won!

As Christmas approached we enjoyed trips to Oran Mor panto and a Christmas Concert at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. To top it all, we had another fabulous lunch at West College Scotland's Weaver Restaurant. Recently some members attended the Hatwalk Event hosted by East Renfrewshire u3a.

With this level of activity a lot of energy and effort is required.

Firstly, thank you to our Group Leaders who share their time and talents so generously. Going forward we have some exciting events to get involved in. First of all there is a tour of Culzean Castle and Gardens – open to you all.

We thank you, the membership, for your continued support. We hope you continue to feel the benefit of being a member of Paisley and District u3a.

Thanks to all our Committee Members who work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our u3a.

Thanks to those who have given a helping hand – Katrina and Jane at the Tea Bar; Betty on the Registration Desk, who greets us with her winning smile; Patricia and Lamont who welcome folk and help set up the room; May for support with money matters; and anyone who I may have forgotten.

Can I say thank you to my better half who is stepping down from the Committee. Thank You, Douglas – you know what you do!

Our unique selling point is an opportunity in later life to learn just for fun.

On a final note – do we fulfil our motto - Learn, Laugh, Live?

If we do, why not tell a friend and join us for future learning and fun.

Thanks for your time.”

Treasurer’s Report

Presented by Alex Smith

A copy of the externally verified, formal financial report was distributed to members.

The Treasurer explained all the items recorded in the report.

There were no questions and the accounts were unanimously approved, proposed by Irene Keith and seconded by Valerie Reilly.

Motion

There were no Motions for discussion.

Election of Executive Committee

All the current Committee Members stepped down from their current roles on the Executive Committee.

Allana Parker-Dymock announced the list of nominated members willing to serve on the new Executive Committee along with their respective proposer and seconder:

Nominee	Role	Proposer	Seconder
Kathy O’Donnell	Chair	Betty Graham	Alex Dymock

Alex Smith	Treasurer	Liz Allan	Charlotte Fowler
Rose Brown	Secretary	Betty Graham	Valerie Reilly
Ellen Bailie	Committee Member	George Bailie	Betty Graham
Chris Dykes	Groups Co-ordinator	George Bailie	Carole Delaney
Andy Fairly	Membership Secretary	Charlotte Fowler	Liz Allan
Rod Ferrier	Webmaster	Bob McNair	Findlay Corfield
Betty Graham	Committee Member	Jeanette Maxwell	Bob McNair
Irene Keith	Speakers Co-ordinator	George Johnson	Shirley Lawtie
Allana Parker-Dymock	PR Advisor	Betty Graham	Katrina Bunn

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Members were reminded about the forthcoming trip to Culzean Castle. In response to a question from a member, it was confirmed that the coach would be accessible.

There was no other competent business for discussion. The Chair thanked members for their patience and participation and declared the meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

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Date