

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 2 March 2023

At 3.00 pm

Present:

Mrs Kathy O'Donnell, Chair

Mr Douglas O'Donnell, P/T Webmaster

Ms Barbara Rimmington, Treasurer

Ms Rose Brown, Minute Secretary

Ms Chris Dykes, Committee Member

Ms Irene Keith, Committee Member

Mrs Allana Parker-Dymock, Committee Member/Publicity

Quorum

As 43 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 5th AGM.

Apologies were received from Mr Rod Ferrier (Business Secretary/ Webmaster), Mr Andy Fairley (Membership Secretary/ Beacon Administrator), Kate Colyer (Committee Member), Jane Munro-Hughes (Committee Member), Josephine McManus and Roland Vogt.

Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM were proposed by Valerie Reilly and seconded by Pamela Maxwell and unanimously approved as a true and fair record.

Chair's Report

It's been an eventful year. There was a full programme of speakers, thanks to the efforts of Committee Members Chris Dykes and Kate Colyer. Topics have ranged from POW Rudolph Hess to everything you wanted to know about salt and vinegar.

Members participated in some interesting events such as the u3a 40th anniversary celebration picnic and barbecue with the Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra. Some took part in Sma' Shot Day with an eye-catching banner and hats with the u3a motto: learn, laugh, live on the brim. Several members tried their hand at making music with Lanark & District u3a Ukulele Players. Others participated in Glasgow West End u3a quiz to mark the movement's 40th anniversary. Later on, members attended the panto at Oran Mor, a Christmas concert at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the traditional seasonal lunch at the West College Scotland's Weavers Restaurant.

The range of interest groups continued to grow. A Games group now meets in Kilbarchan library. Bridge Buddies is going from strength to strength as is the Outdoor Sketching group. A Crochet group is about to start and a Ukulele group is in the pipeline. All the Group Leaders were thanked for so generously giving of their time and talents.

Committee Members continued to work hard. They have reviewed existing policies, based on Trust guidance. There was a new Code of Conduct for the membership and for Committee Members (trustees), plus an updated Safeguarding policy. Members were urged to look at these policies by visiting the Paisley & District u3a website.

During the year a new bi-monthly newsletter was launched with details of activities, events and photos. Thanks went to Committee Members Chris Dykes and Kate Colyer. Since last year a new Webmaster, Rod Ferrier, has been revising our website.

The Chair thanked the dedication and commitment of Committee Members for maintaining our u3a. Special thanks went to those stepping down at the AGM which included the Treasurer Barbara Rimmington, Group Leaders Jane Munro-Hughes and Kate Colyer. In addition, Allana Parker was thanked for her PR expertise and Betty Graham, too, for warmly welcoming members at reception. The Chair was grateful to Rose Brown for her support with revising u3a policies and proposing today's motion. Finally, Douglas O'Donnell was given thanks for assisting the Chair to carry out u3a duties after her accident in August, and for setting up equipment at all the events.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the formal report was distributed to members. It was prepared using the computerised system created by u3a nationally. The account balances were now signed off.

The Treasurer explained that two key payments for monies due to the Trust had been paid. There were no questions, and the accounts were unanimously approved.

Motion

“To remove, from the current Constitution, clauses referring to limits on periods of service of members of the Executive Committee.”

The Motion was proposed by Rose Brown and seconded by the Executive Committee.

Members were invited to vote in favour or against the Motion. Ballot papers were distributed and the result was 42 members in favour of the Motion and 1 member against. The Motion was therefore carried. One minor amendment to the revised Constitution was noted.

During the count, a draft promotional DVD of Paisley & District u3a was screened. It was well received by the membership. The question was asked where the DVD was going to be promoted. The Chair said it could be used for talks to groups. Douglas O'Donnell said it would also be available on our u3a website.

Election of Executive Committee

All the current Committee Members stepped down. The Chair explained there were no new nominations. Rose Brown invited Kathy O'Donnell to be Chair, and Kathy agreed.

Chris Dykes read out the list of Paisley & District u3a members willing to serve on the new Committee along with their respective proposer and seconder:

Andy Fairley, Membership Secretary & Beacon Administrator

Nominated by Marilyn McGeoch and seconded by Sheena Pottie

Alex Smith, Treasurer

Nominated by Betty Graham and seconded by Douglas O'Donnell

Rod Ferrier, Business Secretary

Nominated by Liz Allan and seconded by Catriona Matheson

Rose Brown, Minute Secretary

Nominated by Betty Graham and seconded by Janette Ritchie

Irene Keith

Nominated by Betty Graham and seconded by Valerie Reilly

Christine Dykes

Nominated by George Baillie and seconded by May McFadden

Allana Dymock

Nominated by Alex Dymock and seconded by Sheila B Stevenson

Kathy O'Donnell Chair

Nominated by Betty Graham and seconded by Katrina Bunn

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Members were reminded that Gordon Miller would speak and share his stories of being a customs officer at the next monthly meeting on Thursday 6 April.

There was no other competent business for discussion. The Chair thanked members for their patience and participation and declared the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

..... K O'Donnell Chair

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