

MINUTES of the Street & Glastonbury U3A AGM held via Zoom on 27 May, 2021 at 10.30 am.

A list of the 48 members who attended is attached.

1. Apologies: Malcolm & Sue Allen, Jane King, Lisa Markham and Val Newman.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM on 20 August 2020 were agreed to be correct. Proposed by Cynthia Rayes and Seconded by Gill Donkin then signed by the Chairman.
3. Chair's Report: This had been displayed on the website and Mike added his thanks to all the Committee for their hard work during the pandemic, and also thanked the members who had joined us. He also thanked the retiring Treasurer who, over the last 5 years, has looked after the accounts very well. We welcome Gill Donkin to take his place and also Pamela Branley as our Venues Secretary. He added his thanks to Helen who has been Secretary and Vice Chairman.
4. Treasurer's Report: This and the accounts had been displayed on the website and Andy pointed out that the end of year report was for last August. Most of the year was OK but from March onwards last year we were in lockdown and some groups met via Zoom for the majority of time from September onwards. It would be unfair to charge people who had joined this year and received nothing at all from S&G U3A during this financial year. The Committee decided that the fees for those members will be £5.00 and that members will need to remember that when applying for membership this year. Gudrun Bromfield thanked Andy on behalf of U3A for keeping us on target. She added her thanks to Pat Thompson who is retiring today and will be succeeded by Andy, who suggested that everyone should keep visiting the website regularly as we use it for notifications.
5. Group Co-ordinator's Report: Cynthia said that she did not have a lot to add to her report on the website as there haven't been many classes. We are short of a few Group Leaders so if anyone would like to volunteer please see the website for those groups currently without leaders.  
Apart from the above we are trying to make our programme for this year. A Group Leader for Table Tennis at Ashcott Village Hall on Tuesday morning and Friday morning is needed.  
Musetta said that although she had sent in information for the newsletter on the Film Group who have been meeting via Zoom since the lockdown, this never gets included.
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members:
  - Chair: Helen Hickman was Proposed by Andy Pickford and Seconded by Cynthia Rayes. The vote was unanimous.
  - Secretary: As there were no nominations Helen will continue as Secretary for the time being.
  - Vice Chair: Vacant
  - Treasurer: Gill Donkin was Proposed by Cynthia Rayes and Seconded by Andy Pickford. The vote was unanimous.

Groups Co-ordinator:

Cynthis Rayes was Proposed by Paul Vernoum and Seconded by Norman Rayes. The vote was unanimous.

Members' Secretary:

Paul Vernoum was Proposed by Cynthia Rayes and Seconded by Andy Pickford. The vote was unanimous.

Publicity: Carole Fox was Proposed by Cynthia Rayes and Seconded by Pat Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Newsletter Editor:

Andy Pickford was Proposed by Pat Thompson and Seconded by Gill Donkin. The vote was unanimous.

Events Organiser:

This is vacant but we would like someone to take this on to arrange coffee morning, Christmas parties, etc. There are one or two people who have volunteered to help the organiser.

We need more Group Leaders and Julie Hillman suggesting contacting June Kellard to lead Reading Shakespear Week 1. Paul will email members to ask new Group Leaders to come forward.

7. Changes to the Constitution: Helen read out the two proposed changes changes which had been emailed or posted to all members well before the AGM and also posted on the website.

Item 1: A general meeting (whether an annual general meeting or a special general meeting) may be held in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the committee in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants. Where the committee determine that a general meeting is to be held by electronic means full details will be set out in the notice of the general meeting sent to members, together with details of how a member may participate in such meeting.

This was Proposed by Mike Ellington and Seconded by Cynthia Rayes. The change was agreed unanimously.

Item 2: A quorum shall be one tenth of the membership at the time.

Item 2a: If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to such time and place as the committee decide. The committee must re-convene the meeting and must give at least seven clear days' notice of the re-convened meeting. If no quorum is present at the re-convened meeting within fifteen minutes of the time specified for the start of the meeting, the members present at that time shall constitute the quorum for that meeting.

Both Items were Proposed by Elaine Robertson and Seconded by Carole Fox. The changes were agreed unanimously.

8. Future Arrangements: Mike said that we are hopng to re-start in September providing we continue to go forward slowly. We are also hoping everything will be open by 21 June, but there is nothing more we can do at the moment until we know the full situation.
9. Any Other Business: Andy asked everyone at the AGM to pass on to friends and anyone who may be thinking of joining U3A that we have lost about 200 members over the last year. We

want to reach out to those people who haven't renewed this year to remind them that we are planning to open again in September.

Enrollment Day 12 August. At the moment Group Leaders roll over their members as in previous year. However, this year we cannot really do this because we haven't really got any group lists. To sign up again, please contact the Group Leader to ask to be put on the list. Members will need to re-register for their groups. Brendan Sadler suggested sending reminders to people to sign up again who did not renew.. Paul will do this soon. Nick asked if we could advertise in one of the local papers or on Somerset Radio. Julie Hillman said this is a good point and the Publicity Manager will look into this.

Gudrun Bromfield said that we need to get the right information into any free advertising that we can get.

Sheila Urwin asked when the list of groups will be available. The final list will be on the website soon.

Tony Martin said that the venue for his Music Jamming is not big enough to allow for social distancing. He added that Group Leaders may be hesitant in coming forward because of the uncertainty and do not want to use a confined space; they may want a larger venue before encouraging people to come forward. He asked if Walton Main Hall would be available for his group but this is used for a playgroup in the afternoons Music Jamming meet. Pamela suggested St Benedict's or St John's Churches or Tor Leisure, all in Glastonbury.

Cynthia said that it was possible to do a Covid test at least 30 minutes before going into a venue for anyone who is nervous or worried.

Sheila Urwin asked about re-enrolling online. Andy said that the membership form is online and details are on our website.

Julie Hillman said that she would not want to wipe her list of group members clean and it was explained that members must not assume they are automatically on a group list.

Wilton Willis said that the problem of full lists is the same every year and it sorts itself out over the year.

Helen, on behalf of Street & Glastonbury U3A, thanked Mike and Pat who were retiring from the Committee and also Andy who was retiring as Treasurer. She said that they would all soon receive a small token of thanks from S&G U3A.

10. Mike finished by thanking everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11.25am.

List of Attendees 27.5.21:

*Andy Pickford*  
*Ann Murch*  
*Barbara Plowman*  
*Bob Lench*  
*Brenda Stradling*  
*Brenda Webber*  
*Brendan Sadler*  
*Brian Griffin*  
*Carol Martin*  
*Carole Fox*  
*Cynthia Chislett*  
*Cynthia Rayes*  
*David Brunt*  
*Don Robertson*  
*Elaine Robertson*  
*Gill Donkin*  
*Gudrun Broomfield*  
*Helen Hickman*  
*Jenny Lewis*  
*Joy Morgan*  
*Julia Adams*  
*Julie Hillman*  
*Kate Stokes*  
*Liz Selway*  
*Madeliene Smith*  
*Margaret Morris*  
*Michael Chislett*  
*Michael Vernoum*  
*Mike Ellington*  
*Mike Kellaway*  
*Mo Pickford*  
*Musetta Lench*  
*Nick Ham*  
*Norman Rayes*  
*Pamela Branley*  
*Pat Mead*  
*Pat Thompson*  
*Paul Vernoum*  
*Pete Found*

*Robin Winch*  
*Ruth Tidball*  
*Sheila Urwin*  
*Shirley Gunter*  
*Sue Walker*  
*Suzanne Jones*  
*Tony Martin*  
*Viv Andreae*  
*Wilton Wills*

