

LOSTWITHIEL AND AREA U3A

Minutes of 10th AGM

Monday 3rd July 2023 at 2pm in the Church Rooms, Lostwithiel

Attendees: 45 members present
4 non-members present

Apologies: Zeb Banks, David Bridges, Lin Briggs, Chris & Jan Diamond, Judy Dixon, Anne Green, Malcolm Heaven, Janice & Nick Hillier, Janet Hunt, Jacqui Lewsey, Jenny MacDonald, Marion May, Liz Pearce, Annie Singer, Mary Wallace.

Opening remarks by the Chairman

David Platt confirmed that Lostwithiel and Area u3a had survived well from Covid and expressed thanks to the previous Chairman, Chris Dimond, for his leadership during what had been a very difficult time.

During this current 10th Anniversary year, things were going well, marked by a very good Open Day in March. David thanked those who had participated and reported that the event had contributed to an increase in membership, with 32 new joiners; currently there were 281 members.

Thanks were expressed to committee members who had served with him during his first year as chairman and were now standing down (Kate Allen, Alison Hurst, Sue Sargent and Pat Stearn).

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In terms of the future, David shared some suggestions:

- Showcasing individual groups at Open Meetings, particularly those groups that rarely publicised their activities.
- Look at getting some Display Boards showing Groups and other activities.
- More social events open to all members, e.g. cream tea after the next Open Meeting (4th September). Other suggestions for consideration included a dinner with entertainment, and a Murder Mystery event.
- Continue with ideas to promote u3a, e.g. there would be a u3a stand at the Rotary Charity Day (30th July) at the start of Lostwithiel Carnival Week.
- Also to promote more about what's happening in Lostwithiel.
- More collaboration with other local u3a groups, maybe with joint social events, e.g. "u3a's Got Talent".

Other new ideas were welcomed; members wishing to make suggestions should share with any committee member. Individual members were also welcome to sit in on future committee meetings if interested.

David completed his opening remarks by stressing the importance and value of "wellbeing"

to u3a members.

Adoption of Minutes from the 2022 AGM: Minutes were agreed and adopted.

Financial Report - Presentation of Accounts for 2022 – 2023: Copies of the Accounts were distributed, and a full examined copy would be published on the website. We currently hold a surplus of £7,565 against £5,044 as of 31st March 2022. Membership and Gift Aid income was up by nearly £1,100 compared with the previous year, and variable costs were broadly in line. In terms of the breakdown of the total cash holding, the Bank Balance as of 31st March was £7,140, up £2,340 from last year; other cash (Interest Group Cash Accounts, PayPal, and Petty Cash) totalled £426 as of 31st March, compared with £244 the previous year.

The committee had set a minimum Reserve of £2,000.

Regarding Group Assets, the limit that each Group Leader could claim each year had been raised from £50 to £75; only 2 groups had submitted bids for their groups in the previous financial year.

Anthony Hindley (Treasurer) thanked David for his hard work and believed that the Chairmanship was in good hands.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed and agreed by all.

Richard Morgan was again proposed to examine the accounts for 2023 – 2024 and agreed by all.

Election of Officers and Committee

Only one nomination was received for each of the committee roles. Voted and agreed by all.

The new committee is as follows:

- David Platt (Chair)
- Annie Singer (Vice Chair & Groups Co-ordinator)
- Anthony Hindley (Treasurer)
- Liz Hemsley (Business Secretary)

Also Stephanie Thomas (Membership Secretary), Mark Hemsley (Publicity Officer), Karen Dickin (Speaker Secretary), Sheila MacKinder, and Sandra Marten were appointed as committee members.

David noted that there was space for more members to join the committee and interest in doing so would be welcome.

AOB: Date of next Open Meeting: Monday 4th September.