

Minutes of 9th Lostwithiel U3A AGM

Monday 4th July 2022 at 2pm in the church rooms, Lostwithiel.

Apologies: Dorothy & Jon Hancock, Annie Singer, Maggie Lancaster, Anne Kehrer, Ruth Pullen, Frances Howells, Malcolm Heaven, Barbara Milner, Lindsay Southgate, Dave Burrough.

Opening remarks by the Chairman

Chris Dimond related how he had served 4 years as chairman because of covid, which had a huge effect on everyone. No one knew what to do, groups didn't meet, the committee worked through Zoom which was also used by some groups. There was still some doubt whether today's meeting could be held in person. Many meetings were cancelled, often at the last minute which some disagreed with and which he apologized for. He expressed his thanks to group leaders for keeping going and we have lost very few members.

The subscriptions have been increased slightly, a decision which was not taken lightly but will enable support for members who need that. He believes that it still represents good value for money.

We have begun to co-operate with other organisations, Lerryn Area Minibus Association and the museum for example and hope that contacts will continue to expand in the future.

He has wanted to relieve Keith and Lindsay Southgate, who had served the U3A for many years and last year managed to do it with a substantially new committee. Keith and Lindsay we given grateful thanks at the time.

Chris also thanked all committee members who had served with him.

Minutes from the AGM 2021: Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Jenni Macdonald, seconded by Ann Henderson, all agreed.

Financial Report: A link to the accounts was provided within the agenda. Judy Dixon explained that no fees were charged in 2020, because of covid, but that 2021 was almost back to normal. The theatre group shows a large expenditure but that comes back in as part of the booking process with those members. Subscriptions are due in Feb/March next year. We currently hold £4,800 at bank, and we were reminded that £50 grant is available for groups to acquire material goods to support their activities.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Christine Pearce, seconded by Carol Williams, all agreed.

Richard Morgan was again suggested to examine the accounts, proposed by Ann Fenwick, seconded by Keith Southgate, all agreed.

Election of the committee: Only one nomination was received for each of the committee roles so no election was required.

The new committee is as follows:-

David Platt (chair)

Sue Sargent (vice chair& membership secretary)

Anthony Hindley (Treasurer)

Sandra Marten (secretary)

Also Kate Allen, Pat Stearn, Annie Singer, Sheila Mackinder, Stephanie Thomas and Alison Hurst were appointed as committee members.

Incoming Chairman's remarks: David Platt thanked Chris for the four years that he served during such difficult times, keeping the U3A going in Lostwithiel. Also thanks to Judy Dixon for her long service, keeping the finances in good shape. He also welcomed Tony as the new treasurer. He drew attention to the new banners advertising the U3A, which all members are able to use for events they might be involved in.

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Pat Stearn gave details of a new group. Day Trippers will meet on a Saturday once monthly to travel by public transport to places of interest. The group is limited to 15 on buses but unlimited for train journeys for practical reasons.

The provisional program so far is, Sept 17th to Totnes, October to Tavistock, November to Exeter, December to Mousehole, In 2023, Okehampton in the spring, and Plymouth for fireworks in August.

We were reminded that new U3A brochures were available for anyone who has not yet been given one.

Sandra Marten

Secretary.