

Minutes of the Fifth Culm Valley u3a AGM

held at Willand Village Hall at 2 pm on 5 September 2024

- 1 Welcome – The Vice Chair Janet Bryant (JB) welcomed all to the meeting. 78 members and 1 new member joined cvu3a.
- 2 Apologies for absence – were received from 17 members, Sue Greenhough, Bernice Philbrick, Daphne Dowsing, George Maunder, Stephanie Pateman, Patrick McCabe, Tony Sutton, Sandra Sutton, Russ Palmer, Witek Nowosielski, Stephanie Hampton-Slater, Peter Slater, Sarah Shaw, Sally Davis, Norman Mouldsley, Doreen Mouldsley and Jennie Day.
- 3 Minutes of last AGM – these had been circulated in advance and were thought to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 7 September 2023.
Marian Luck Proposed and Barbie Bradbury Seconded that the Minutes be accepted. All agreed. The Minutes will be signed by the Business Secretary and added to the cvu3a website.
- 4 Chair's Report – Janet Bryant (JB) delivered the Chair's report in the absence of Sue Greenhough.
Firstly I must apologise for my absence today (I had already booked a holiday) so greetings from Cape Verdi.
I want to thank every member of our u3a for your involvement in the group, without you CVu3a wouldn't exist. Also, thanks must go to the Tea Team, Richard, who puts out our signs each month and Gill who has provided a wide range of Speakers over the last year. Particular thanks go to our Committee, who are always working, often behind the scenes to ensure our u3a is up to date with Third Age Trust changes and that our bank balance is healthy.
We have had a great year with lots of new groups springing up and I would personally like to thank Barbie who has been a great Groups Co-Ordinator over three years and who retires this year. We wish her well in her new home.
Our Membership continues to grow as our club develops, I can't believe it is 5 years since we started, how we have grown.
I hope the new committee members enjoy their roles as much as I have enjoyed my roles as Membership Secretary and Interim Chair.
My wish for the future is that Culm Valley u3a continues to develop and thrive in the coming years.
- 5 Treasurers Report and formal adoption of Annual Accounts – Alison Waple (AW) delivered the Treasurer's Report based on the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2024. The year started with £4,675.00 and ended with £4,806.00. This year's results show that, as in prior years, our primary source of income is membership fees and our main costs are the payments to Head Office and the cost of the monthly meetings.
Looking at some of the specific items from this year:
Meeting revenue is down as in August 2023 we stopped charging a fee for meetings. Next year this will be zero.
Meeting costs are higher mainly due to the new payment for help with setting up and clearing away the tables and chairs for meetings.
The bank and cash balance on 31 March 2023 was £4,806.00.

6 Updated Culm Valleyu3a Constitution This document was circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

The Committee had reviewed the document in March 2024. The Third Age Trust had changed the Committee details required to run a u3a in order to make the process more appealing. After 2025 when JB retires CVu3a will dispense with a Vice Chair.

Mike Dalby Proposed and Ken Wood Seconded that the document be ratified at this meeting. All agreed.

7 Q & A - One member raised a question as to the legality of one of the proposed new committee members. The Business Secretary informed the member that all persons either currently serving or being proposed as a new committee member were all full members of CVu3a. Any historic matters had been resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

8 Election of Officers to Executive Committee – Lorna Knowles (LK) explained that the 2024 election had taken place by a combination of a Ballot with Nomination Forms being available for those with registered email addresses and a Postal Ballot for those without.

The 4 members of the Committee who have not completed 3 years in one specific role on the committee and were not stepping down, namely Janet Bryant (Vice Chair), Lorna Knowles (Business Secretary), Alison Waple (Treasurer) and Marian Luck (Membership Secretary) were nominated for re-election.

Gill Sole Proposed and Barbara Anderson Seconded that the above be re-elected for office. All agreed.

As Sue Greenough (Interim Chair) was retiring and a nomination had been received for John Hayston to fill the role of Chair, he was included on the Ballot Paper. There were no other nominations received.

As Barbie Bradbury (Groups Co-ordinator) was retiring having served three consecutive years in that role on the Committee, and a nomination had been received for Sue Hooper-Laurie to fill this role, she was included on the Ballot Paper. There were no other nominations received.

Keith Grantham Proposed and Mo Kennard Seconded that both John Hayston and Sue Hooper-Lawrie and be appointed to the Committee. All agreed.

9 Results of the Election of Officers - LK thanked John Hayston and Sue Hooper-Lawrie for agreeing to be nominated for the Officer Roles of Chair and Groups Co-ordinator respectively. A total of 5 emailed ballots were cast and 3 postal ballots received. With the unanimous votes at the meeting LK therefore announced that all 6 nominations were carried.

10 LK gave a Vote of Thanks to all who had contributed over the last year and asked John Hayston to come to the front to be introduced.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 2.17 pm

A break was taken following which there was a talk by guest speaker Bruni Frampton of the Woodland Trust.

Lorna Knowles Business Secretary