

**Annual General Meeting of the
South Solihull U3A (SSU3A) held on Monday, 12th July 2021 via Zoom**

Due to the exceptional circumstances experienced over the past 18 months with the COVID 19 restrictions, the AGM was held via Zoom. Therefore, the Agenda, Financial Statement and minutes of the last Annual Meeting have been circulated to all members via email (with thanks to Helen Clarke for organising the distribution of papers). Also accompanying the papers was a draft copy of the Constitution for the the South Solihull University of the Third Age for approval. Members were asked to consider the documentation circulated and if they wished to raise a query, to contact the Secretary prior to the AGM. No queries were received prior to the meeting.

- 1 Notice of the meeting - The Chair was delighted to welcome 33 members. You will have received notice of the AGM circulated to members via email. The meeting was quorate.

- 2 Apologies were received from Liz Poutney.

- 3 The minutes of the AGM held on the 14th December 2020, having been circulated to members, and as no queries raised, approved.
>>> By a show of hands by those members present, the minutes were approved.

- 4 Confirmation of existing officers. The members were advised that the existing officers, Malcolm Clark (Chair), Jan Ashcroft (Treasurer) and Pat Middleton (Secretary) were happy to stand for a further term.
>>> By a show of hands, this was approved.

- 5 Confirmation of the existing Committee. It was confirmed that the Committee were happy to continue.
>>> By a show of hands by those present, this was approved.

The Committee for 2021/22 will be: Malcolm Clark (Chair); Jan Ashcroft (Treasurer); Pat Middleton (Secretary); Helen Clarke (Membership Secretary); David Hunter (Group Co-ordinator support); John Eveson (Website); Peter Hunt (Speaker Secretary); Charlie Plain-Jones, Richard Walton and Rosemary Wisker.

Malcolm thanked the committee for their continued support and hard work, especially during this difficult time.

- 6 Report from the Chair. Moved to the end of the meeting.

- 7 Presentation & approval of the Accounts 2020/21. It was confirmed that no queries or comments have been received and the balance carried forward is £5,500. A comment was made that this was a large amount of uncommitted funds and asked if SSU3A have a statement or reserve policy. It was agreed the Committee would investigate this going forward and report back.
>>> By a show of hands, the Accounts for 2020/21 were approved.

- 8 Presentation & approval of the new Constitution for SSU3A. Richard Walton then briefed the meeting on the reasons for presenting this document. Because of the difficulties faced by U3A's nationally over the past 18 months, a new Constitution template has been

produced by National and U3A's across the country, asked to adopt it. Members may not be aware that there are 16 U3A's running locally, and they have all been asked to consider this document which now embraces changes allowing for on line meetings etc.

>>> By a show of hands this was approved unanimously by those present.

Malcolm extended a huge vote of thanks to Richard for all his hard work in preparing this document.

9 Any other business. None.

Malcolm then presented his verbal report.

It has been a difficult year but the Committee continued to meet via Zoom and at their first meeting in January, one of the first things we wanted to address was being in touch with members and after some investigations by Peter, he discovered the Mirthy talks and we were able to run these for members at our core meetings.

It is hoped that we will be able to have a face-to-face Committee meeting on the 2nd August and then that we will be able to meet in the Community Hall for the core meeting on Monday 9th August. This will be a celebration with cakes and prosecco! An ideal time to get together and move forward. I am delighted to say that the interest groups are now planning trips and we also have two new groups, Current Affairs and the Repair Shed facility. There has also been a request for Italian conversation and we are looking into this.

Delighted to say that six new members have signed up and on Sunday, 19th September we will be at Dorridge Day with a U3A stall and hope to raise awareness of the U3A movement with the local community.

Finally, a big thank you for your continued support, with special thanks to the committee and I am looking forward to unlocking!

>>> By a show of hands, the report was adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.23pm