

**MINUTES OF WINCHESTER U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN
LITTLETON MEMORIAL HALL AT 14.30 ON
12th MARCH 2024**

1. WELCOME: Joan Sherrin, Chairman, welcomed 79 members to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES: Ann Ryan, Mark Ryan, Eileen Lukes, Valerie Powell, Grace Gray, Freda Bates, Sally Johnson, Geraldine Cronan, Carole Peck, Chris Peck, Marjorie Patient, Clive Boot, Jackie Boot, Pauline Gould

3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2023:
These were accepted.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Joan Sherrin congratulated all on a successful year and thanked everyone who had made it so. There are thirteen members willing to support the Committee as well as about eighty interest groups which meet regularly throughout the year. Special thanks was given to Freda Bates, who, unfortunately was unable to attend. She is stepping down from the Committee after ten years of tireless work on behalf of the u3a. Likewise, special thanks to Barrie Brinkman, who has been our webmaster for about eight years and has undertaken a huge role in setting up and running our website. Although he will be replaced by two members as our Web Team, he will be available to help should we need him. Thank you, Barrie!

Joan noted that 2024 is Winchester u3a's 35th anniversary and that there would be a variety of events to celebrate this over the next year. Our focus will be on communication and we have already been allocated £1,000 by our treasurer towards this occasion.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS: Vernon Tottle has published this year's accounts on the website and as an attachment to the reminder AGM email. They will also be available in the next newsletter. The accounts have been approved by David Smith, Independent Examiner.

Vernon explained that in financial terms, 2023 was very similar to the previous year. The number of members dropped a little and therefore so did the gift aid refund. Expenditure was similar to 2022 although the cost of Littleton Hall rose and an increase in the amount payable to visiting speakers was approved. The cost of membership has remained at £8.00. Overall, there is a very small deficit.

A member raised the question of why there was such a large balance (£22,000) in the bank, which was answered satisfactorily. Joan then asked those present for permission to seek more funds should they be needed, especially in developing our members' understanding of IT. This was agreed by a show of hands.

David Smith has agreed to examine next year's accounts.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2024 - 2025:

The following are happy to continue in their support of the Committee:

- Joan Sherrin – Chairman
- Ann Edwards -- Vice-Chairman
- Vernon Tottle – Treasurer
- Susan Shannon -- Secretary
- Marion Schiesser -- Membership Secretary
- John Craig -- Group Secretary
- Sheila Ayling -- Newsletter Team
- Judy Smith -- Newsletter Team

Members gave their approval by a show of hands.

The following wish to be elected to the Committee:

- Nicola Giles (Speakers' Team)
- Christopher Giles (Speakers' Team)
- Mike Holt (Web Team)
- Dermot Flaherty (Web Team)
- Sian Rolls

All were given approval by members in a show of hands.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Member Pam Underwood requested that during the winter months, Monthly Talks begin earlier in order not to be driving home in the dark. Joan explained that this was already under consideration and would be looked at carefully. It was agreed that a start of 14.00, rather than 14.30 would be sufficient.

Joan then declared the formal meeting closed at 14.45, and the afternoon continued with the usual monthly talk.

NEXT AGM: 11th MARCH 2025 AT LITTLETON MEMORIAL HALL

Susan Shannon
Secretary
12.03.24