

Annual General Meeting of Prestatyn, Rhyl & District U3A
Held on Friday 15th September 2023
at the Festival Church, Prestatyn at 10.30a.m.

Present: Chris Winner (Chair (Treasurer), Carol Salmon (Treasurer), Jennifer Jones (Business Secretary), Laura Trainer, (Membership Secretary), Dawn Russell (Website Manager), Anne Harrison (Speaker Secretary), Ian Sherwood and Linda Daltry

- 1. Introductions:** The Chair welcomed all members to the Meeting including one potential member who had expressed an interest in joining and starting a new group.
CW introduced the present Committee members to the group.
- 2. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Quorum:** Apologies had been received from Linda Redfern (Committee), Pauline Murray (Committee), Janet Anders, Stewart Williams, Jane Williams, Donal McCarthy, Moya McCarthy, Irene Aldcroft, Gill Glass and Yvonne McCormack

Proxy Votes had been received from Irene Aldcroft, David Hawthorne, Bettie Hawthorne, Rob Murray and Pauline Murray.

The Constitution of Prestatyn, Rhyl & District u3a requires a Quorum of 15%. Therefore out of a present membership of 170, the attendance of twenty five members was required. The Chair confirmed that the meeting was a quorate as 51 members attended.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 23rd September 2022

This was proposed by Virginia Adams and seconded by Jean Howells.

The minutes of the last AGM were approved as a correct record by a show of hands with one abstention.

There were no matters arising.

4. Trustee's Report

Chris Winner reported that her second year had been a year of slow but steady growth. There had been a return to normal activities with Interest Groups flourishing and new ones starting. The Committee continued to hold monthly meetings, alternating Zoom and face to face. The venue for the monthly meetings continued to be the Festival Church. The cost of the venue had increased from £30 to £40 and the committee continued to look for other viable alternatives. The number of members attending the Open Meetings had increased to on average 40 members.

Social events included a free Christmas celebration with Buck's Fizz or Prosecco and a mince pie. The main social event this year was the Summer Buffet at Meliden golf club which was part funded.

Chris Winner expressed her thanks to the committee members who helped to organize the event.

Chris invited the Speaker Secretary, Anne Harrison to comment on previous and planned speakers. Speakers included members of our u3a – Kendall Down, Ian Sherwood and Chris Winner. Anne thanked them for their very interesting talks. Other talks included a very popular talk from Penderyn Distillery including samples to taste. Anne reported that future talks had been booked to January and details could be found on the website.

Chris Winner reported that a Facebook page had been set up and this was managed by herself and Linda Daltry. There were 91 members, 50% of whom belonged to the u3a.

Linda Redfern in her role of Group Coordinator had continued to oversee the groups and encourage the formation of new ones.

She was standing down and Chris Winner wished to thank her for her hardwork.

Dawn Russell had continued to successfully manage the Website. The u3a will be moving to a new site and although Dawn will be standing down from this position, she will continue to offer her support.

Chris Winner thanked all members for their hard work and support over the year. The members expressed their support with a round of applause.

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5. Treasurer's Report:

Carol Salmon, the Treasurer, began by explaining the position with regard to the bank accounts. The u3a continued to bank with HSBC. The accounts had been amalgamated into one account to save a charge of £10 for each account. There was now a charge for each transaction. A float box was used for small amounts.

Expenditure during the year had included the purchase of two new laptops at a cost of £1,300.

Regular expenses to cover the venue and capitation amounted to £576.

If members wished to view the Audited accounts they could make a request to the Chair.

The need to purchase a PA system was expressed.

Membership was gradually increasing to pre Covid levels. Carol advised that the group should be prudent in their expenditure.

The Treasurer thanked Dawn Russell for her continued support in maintaining the spreadsheet.

As of March 2023

6.. Approval of Examined Accounts:

CW explained that the accounts for the year 2021/22 had been examined by Anne Roberts.

Acceptance was proposed by Fiona Smith. Seconded by Malcolm Trainer.

7. Amendment to the Constitution

The meeting was asked to consider an amendment to the constitution which was put forward by the Executive Committee. The Chair referred to 16 b) Point 8 which would allow members to stay on the committee for up to 6 years. Chris Winner explained that all but three members of the committee were due to stand down at the present time. There had been some difficulty recruiting new members and it would allow time to build in succession.

Two members queried the length of time explaining that they felt it was too long.

Acceptance of the Amendment was proposed by Peter Lager and seconded by Pat Pugh. The motion was passed with 2 members against.

9. Election of Officers and Executive Committee members for 2023/24

Twelve members had put themselves forward to stand on the Committee.

Officer Positions

Chairperson: Chris Winner

Treasurer; Carol Salmon

Business Secretary: Pat Pugh

Committee members

Linda Daltry

Anne Harrison

Ian Sherwood

Laura Trainer

Nerys Parry

Irene Aldcroft

Denise Locke

Dawn Russell

All the above nominations were voted onto the Committee by a show of hands.

10. Motions for Debate; No motions had been received by the Business Secretary

11. Any Other Business; None

The business for the AGM finished at 11.15 a.m