



BROXBOURNE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Charity no. 1090504

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2024 AT 10.15AM AT THE SPOTLIGHT

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members to our 23rd AGM.

1. **Minutes of Previous Annual General meeting** held on 18th May 2023 were confirmed, signed and dated.
2. **Matters Arising** : none
3. **Chairman's Report** : (included in the Trustee Report kept on file by the Secretary and available to view on the Broxbourne u3a website). The Chairman reported the current number of groups is only a little lower than last year, and we have others waiting to start but there is a lack of volunteers to lead them. She thanked group leaders for the time and effort they put into running their groups but urged more members to come forward to volunteer. The Chairman thanked the Webmaster, Chris Common, for the exceptional work he has done, over many hours, building and migrating data over to our new website, and the Treasurer for his invaluable work in managing the accounts. At the next AGM several committee members will be standing down, each having served for a number of years, and these roles must be filled in order for Broxbourne u3a to continue. The Chairman concluded by thanking the committee, the RUGS and all those involved in running our u3a but reiterated the need for more volunteers to step forward during this coming year. Proposed by Geoff Ansell, seconded by Pam Watkins. Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** (included in the Trustee Report – see above). The Treasurer commenced his report by saying the continuing effects of the Covid pandemic are reflected in significantly lower membership numbers. This in turn impacts on our financial position as membership fees account for around 90% of our branch income. He encouraged members to gift aid fees where applicable, and the Third Age Matters magazine is now chargeable when requested, saving approximately £300 annually on distribution costs. Members were also encouraged to support the raffle which has been a good source of income, although this year's figure of £482 was approximately £100 down on last year. We are nevertheless in a fairly healthy position financially but must bear in mind that costs will increase during this financial year, so going forward we need to increase membership to retain our status quo and avoid an increase in subscription. The Treasurer then presented the accounts for the year ending March 2024, details of which were on the screen, and these were received, approved and adopted. Proposed by Jenny Murtagh, seconded by Pam Watkins.
5. **Re-appointment of Examiner of Broxbourne u3a Accounts** : Diane Bolland was re-appointed. Proposed by Jenny Murtagh and seconded by Geoff Ansell. Carried.
6. No proposals were received.
7. **Re-election of Treasurer as per revised Constitution** : Geoff Ansell – Proposed by Jenny Murtagh, seconded by Margaret Beeston. Carried

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Signed as a true record of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2024