

Minutes of the Wirksworth and District U3A AGM held at The Maltings,
Wirksworth on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Sheila Harding opened the meeting.

Present: 35 Members

1. Apologies were received from Hilary Hebron and Brian Hebron
2. The Minutes of last year's AGM of the 4th October 2023 were accepted.
3. AOB from 2023 AGM:
 - 3.1. A question was received at the 2023 AGM about the possibility of altering the constitution to allow officers to remain in post after their six years, in order to ensure committee continuity. A sub-group was set up and some amendments were recommended.
4. Chair's Annual Report:

Sheila reported that the U3A had enjoyed another good year, with a steady flow of new members, plenty of interest in activity groups and some fascinating coffee morning presentations. Moving Coffee Mornings to The Maltings allowed the U3A to accommodate swelling attendances. Being financially secure allowed the offer of free membership for the year.

Among many highlights Sheila mentioned the Walking Group Holiday, the theatre trip to Birmingham, the Photography Group exhibition as part of the Wirksworth festival, the Garden Group visits and demonstrations, the Creative Writers latest publication, the popular Local History Walks, the Taming the Red Lion Project and Under Pittywood Community Play, Tying up Your Loose Ends and Cryptic Crosswords workshops.

Through these and many other activities the U3A has become an established part of the local community, often collaborating with other local groups, like the Festival, Wirksworth Community Theatre, Wirksworth Historians, Waltham

House, the Heritage Centre, EMR Railway, The Red Lion Hotel, the Wellspring Centre and the Memory Cafe.

Thanks are due to all those who made these possible and to the others who work hard behind the scenes to organise and staff Coffee Mornings, run activity groups and generally keep the wheels turning. Sheila also thanked the Trustees for their work over the last year and those who have taken on regular roles outside the committee.

In future, Sheila hoped that Wirksworth and District U3A continued to offer members interesting activities, new experiences and above all friendship; that it remained a significant player in the community and that the impetus to collaborate with and contribute to other community groups and events continued.

Sheila finished by saying that it had been a privilege and a pleasure to be the Chair person for the last 3 years, and thanked everyone for their support.

5. Treasurer's report: In the absence of the Treasurer, it was decided that the accounts would be placed on the website and Brian Hebron would answer questions at the next coffee morning.

6. The 2023/24 accounts were audited and verified by Andy Jordan and were approved and accepted. Kate Murray was approved as the examiner of accounts for 2024/2025.

The Vice Chair (Joy Revell) took over the chair of the meeting. She thanked the three members of the committee (Sheila Harding, Pete Chivers and Brian hebron) who were standing down and cards and presents of appreciation were presented to each.

Joy introduced the present members of the committee who wished to stand for re-election and asked for those in favour from the members:

Penny Aukland - nominated by Anne and seconded by Kay

Anne Jennings - nominated by Hilary and seconded by Richard

Hilary Hebron - nominated by Richard and seconded by Penny

Kay Mathur - nominated by Penny and seconded by Anne

Richard Matthewman - nominated by Kay and seconded by Hilary.

Jenny de Ville had put her name forward, was proposed by Joy, seconded by Sue Groom and duly elected as a Trustee.

Joy asked for any more proposals and Ray Proctor kindly put his name forward, was proposed by Christine Saunders and seconded by Joy Revell and approved by the members. Ray then agreed to become the new Chair of the U3A Committee.

Kay Mathur agreed to become the Secretary.

Penny Aukland agreed to write the monthly Newsletter for the Beacon.

Jenny de Ville agreed to take on the role of Coffee Morning Speakers secretary.

There being no further business, the AGM meeting closed at 11.50a.m.