

Formby U3A Minutes Of The Special General Meeting

Held In Holy Trinity Parish Hall On Wednesday 11th March 2020

1. **Apologies for absence:** Pat McCracken, Marilyn Siddons-Smith, Viv Blundell
2. **Approval of a replacement constitution for Formby U3A:** The proposed replacement constitution had been published on the Formby U3A website and had been advertised in the December 2019, February 2020 and March 2020 Newsletters. It was also available in hard copy at the meeting.

The Chairman outlined that the proposed new constitution was to bring us into line with the recommended format that the Third Age Trust had agreed for all U3As nationwide with the Charity Commission but that we had obtained agreement for our current financial practices to continue and for the presence of 1/20th and not 1/10th of members to be sufficient to make a quorum at any General or Special meeting.

One member present queried how many people were present at the meeting and how this related to the meeting achieving a quorum. The Secretary explained that as the Special General Meeting had originally been called in February, then under our existing constitution, there was no minimum number required at this rearranged Special General Meeting to form a quorum. He also commented that there were over 65 people present which was more than 5% of the membership so that, if the SGM motion was approved the AGM which followed would have a quorum. The member commented that this was perhaps our 3rd constitution in recent years and that he hoped we would have no further changes.

Approval of the replacement constitution was then proposed by the Secretary Keith Jacques and seconded by the Chairman Frances Taylor and the motion was approved by a show of hands with 7 abstentions being noted. This being the second attempt to hold this Special General Meeting, the members present being sufficient to form a quorum.