

Formby U3A Minutes Of The 2020 AGM
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 Minutes of the 2019 AGM:** Draft minutes have been published in the April 2019, February 2020 and March 2020 Newsletters. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Judy Pike and seconded by Andy Hoare and they were approved by a show of hands and signed by Frances Taylor as Chairman. There were over 70 members in attendance and no objections or abstentions.
3. **Matters arising from the 2019 AGM minutes: None**
4. **To receive and approve the Annual Report:** The Chairman explained that the Annual Report was more formal than previous years as we now had to make a more detailed annual return to the Charity Commission, she then presented the highlights of the annual report which was available in hard copy at the meeting and had been published on the Formby U3A website as advertised in the February 2020 newsletter. She also thanked everyone who had helped in the running of the Formby U3A during the year mentioning in particular, the Newsletter Editor Dave Goodwill, the Web Manager Noel Blundell, the Data Manager Tony Bonney, and the Group Leaders as well as everyone on the committee.

R Hills queried which ideas from the Group Leaders meetings held during the year the committee had followed up on. The Chairman responded that the ideas of having group coordinators for the many local history, bridge and walking groups was one example and that the hoped for Open Day was another – although this needed more volunteers for it to go ahead. We were also looking for ways to improve the monthly meetings and a suggestion box may be brought to future meetings for ideas.

Acceptance of the annual report was proposed by David Manning-Fox, seconded by Barry Lovius and was approved by a show of hands with no abstentions or objections.

5. **To receive and approve the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019:** Copies of the 2019 accounts, which had been reviewed and approved by the independent examiner Mr Kit Robinson, were issued to all attending the meeting.

R Hills queried what the committee intended with the current surplus of funds which would benefit all members. The treasurer responded that one idea which was being followed up was to hold an Open Day to promote Formby U3A at which it was proposed refreshments would be available. Mr Hills then queried why funds were being spent on monthly meetings which only benefitted some members to which the Treasurer responded that the monthly meetings were open to all members.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by David Manning Fox and seconded by Barry Lovius and they were approved by a show of hands with one abstention noted.

6. **To Appoint an Independent Reviewer:** The re-appointment of Kit Robinson was proposed by Glyn Pike and seconded by Barry Lovius. This was agreed nem con by a show of hands.
7. **Election of Trustees:** The following nominations had been received:-
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| Chairman | Frances Taylor |
| Secretary | Keith Jacques |
| Treasurer | Anne Rodmell |
| Membership Secretary | Christine McIlraith |
| Groups Secretary | Linda Sharratt |
| Committee Members | Ann Knowles, Linda Smith,
Lilian Coop, Christine Kennedy |

These names were confirmed en bloc by a show of hands this being proposed by D Irving and seconded by M Dalley.

Informal Discussion:

Having completed the formal part of the meeting, the Chairman invited queries for informal discussion and started this by mentioning that in relation to the current "hot topic" of the Coronavirus, the committee were following the advice of the Third Age Trust and the holding of general and group meetings. She had written to Group Leaders about this and information is being put on the website.

Returning to the subject of the proposed Open Day, the Chairman repeated that in order for this to go ahead we needed more volunteers to help organise it.

Barbara Hills noted that it was sad that Ann Blackman had had to stop organising Group Outings and proposed a vote of thanks to Ann for her many years of hard work in organising these which was received with a warm round of applause.

There being no further queries, the meeting moved on to the entertainment of those present by the U3A group Sounds of the Sixties whose performance was very well received. The committee were particularly grateful to them for performing for us as the previously arranged speaker had cancelled at very short notice.