



**Formby U3A Draft Minutes Of The 2021 AGM**  
**Held via Zoom On Wednesday 10th March 2021**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting – our first AGM via Zoom - and introduced the committee. She explained that she would mute all attendees and advised that anyone wishing to contribute should use the “Raise Hand” option on Zoom or the chat function if at all possible. There being over 51 people in the meeting we met the quorum requirements for the AGM to take place. The chairman explained that the formal aspects of the AGM would take place first, then the talk by Julie Kershaw followed by an opportunity for informal discussion.

1. **Apologies for absence:** C McIlraith, S McIlraith, V Blundell, Mary Bale
2. **Approval of Minutes of the 2020 AGM:** Draft minutes have been published in the April 2020 Newsletter and on the website. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Linda Sharratt and seconded by Gill Norris and they were approved to be signed by the chairman Frances Taylor. There were over 121 members in attendance and there were 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 a formal document designed to be submitted to the Charities Commission although this year we do not need to as our turnover is not sufficient. The report has been on the Formby U3A website for a while and the link to this was advertised with the notice of the AGM. She then talked through some aspects of the report that she wished to highlight including
  - a. Membership numbers at the time of the meeting we have 1,011 members it was 1208 at the end of December 2020.
  - b. The difficulties experienced by Groups during the Covid pandemic and the associated restrictions on meetings etc.
  - c. The introduction of speaker meetings by Zoom and the use of monthly member updates via email in the absence of a printed newsletter. We also supported groups who wished to hold Zoom meetings.
  - d. The fact that events planned to for the year like the Open Day have had to be put back with the new committee now having to decide how these will progress
  - e. She also thanked everyone who had helped in the running of the Formby U3A during the year mentioning in particular, the Secretary who retires after the AGM, 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.
  - f. She ended with a request for members to consider joining the committee in particular we need someone to take over as Chairman next year and we have a current vacancy for Vice Chairman.

Acceptance of the annual report was proposed by Kit Robinson, and seconded by Jim Crawford and was approved by with no abstentions or objections.

5. **To receive and approve the Treasurer’s Report and Independently Reviewed Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:** Copies of the 2020 accounts, which

had been reviewed and approved by the independent examiner Mr Kit Robinson, had been posted on the website in advance of the meeting as highlighted in the notice of the meeting sent to members.

The Treasurer ran through the financial statements highlighting our principal sources of income (membership subscriptions) and expenditure. She explained the notable reduction in both income and expenditure caused by the Covid restrictions we have experienced in the year.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Rob Dodd and seconded by Nikki Harrison and they were approved with no objections or abstentions.

6. **To Appoint an Independent Reviewer:** The re-appointment of Kit Robinson was proposed by Anne Rodmell and seconded by Nikki Harrison. This was agreed with no objections or abstentions.
7. **Election of Trustees:** The following nominations had been received:-
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| Chairman             | Frances Taylor   |
| Vice Chairman        |  |
| Secretary            |  |
| Treasurer            | Anne Rodmell   |
| Membership Secretary | Christine McIlraith  |
| Groups Secretary     | Pam Ashton   |
| Committee Members    | Ann Knowles, Christine Kennedy,<br>Evan Bale, Nikki Harrison, Sheila Wise,<br>Jane Bienias |

These names were confirmed en bloc with no abstentions or objections.

Signed:

Dated:

Frances Taylor, Chairman

Informal discussions were held after the Speakers presentation. No items were raised from the floor and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.