

u3a 2020 AGM held on Zoom on 21st January 2021

The Chair welcomed the 43 people attending especially new members who had joined during lockdown.

Apologies and postal votes were received from 27 members.

Trevor Robinson and Tom Burroughs were appointed as 'Tellers'.

The Minutes of last AGM in October 2019 were accepted unanimously as a true record.

Resolution 1: The Treasurer explained that under Resolution 1 there were two amendments needed to the constitution to allow for on-line AGMs and hybrid General meetings to take place in future. Proposed by M Stephenson. Seconded by B Wood and accepted unanimously.

Outgoing Chair's Report: Committee members and Group Leaders were thanked for their hard work. All members were praised and thanked for being willing to use new technology and other means to maintain the lifeline that is Alnwick u3a, during these exceptional times. Resumption of face-to-face meetings is eagerly anticipated.

Financial Report: George explained why an increase in membership fee to £24 may well be required in September 2021 (smaller membership/same hall rental) After a couple of queries and praise for the good value for money that is Alnwick u3a, Ed Cartner proposed the new rate, Judy Williams seconded. Accepted unanimously. Bryan Ellis was appointed as Examiner and will examine our accounts at the end of our financial year.

Committee: All members of the committee were prepared to stand again except Maureen Stephenson who wished to stand down after more than 20 years service. The remaining members of the committee stood unopposed and were all re-elected. Sheila Abercrombie proposed. Tricia Macdonald seconded. All were accepted unanimously

Any other business: Kathy (incoming Chair) said that bouquets had been sent to Meryl (outgoing Chair) and Maureen in thanks for their work. Two acknowledgements of Maureen's contributions to Alnwick u3a were read out – see article below. Kathy also reported on the National EGM, which was held in December, mentioning the need to adapt to different circumstances such as holding virtual AGMs, the need to promote and expand u3as. Members were told that, in future, all would be welcome to include articles and information in our local newsletter which was to be re-vamped. Maureen thanked the committee for holding Alnwick u3a together during this Covid crisis.

Date of next AGM: 21st October 2021