

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chorleywood U3A
Held at Chorleywood War Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 2.15pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** Judy O'Brart, Jane Tozer, Edwin Whittaker, Gay Stevens, Mary Fraser, Eric Price, Annette & Colin Leveridge and June Grose.
2. **The Minutes:** It was agreed to change the word 'subsidised' in paragraph 5, of the Treasurer's Report to 'underwritten'. The minutes were then approved and signed as an accurate account of last year's AGM. Proposed by Gillian Pugh and seconded by Jill Menghetti. The proposal was carried unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's Report:** Previously circulated to the members and displayed on the notice board. David reported that Chorleywood U3A continued to grow and although numbers had slipped slightly at the end of this year more groups were continually being founded. In 2020 our U3A will hold special events for the 10th Anniversary and these would be announced in the new year. It is hoped that as many as possible of our members would be involved. David thanked the committee for their work and the support they had given him and especially the contributions of Wendy Boatman, Carolyn Leventon, and Hilary Jeaffreson who are standing down after being on the committee from the start of Chorleywood U3A.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Previously circulated and displayed on the notice board. The accounts were displayed on the screen and Chris Higbee went through the various items. Because of the healthy balance subscriptions will be kept at £20 again this year and when Gift Aid is in place it may be possible to reduce the subscription in the future. There were many good and interesting trips although two had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Some groups were also subsidised with their hall bookings. Chris thanked Mike Field for all his help this year and hoped he would do so again in the coming year. She also thanked Bryce Mitchell, our Auditor, for his help.
It was proposed that the accounts be accepted by Colin Gent and seconded by Andrew York. The proposal was carried unanimously.
6. **Election of the Independent Examiner:** The election of Bryce Mitchell once again as the Independent Examiner was proposed by Georgina Barton and seconded by Kate Brightwell. The proposal was carried unanimously.
7. **Consideration of questions received in advance:** none had been received.
8. **Proposed changes to Chorleywood U3A Constitution:** Previously circulated and displayed on the notice board.
5.(iii) Membership David explained that this change would still give members 3 months in which to pay their membership fees but this 3 months would start 2 months before the due date and finish one month after.

7. (ii)(iii)(vi) Election of members of the committee. David ran through the implications and reasons for the changes which would mean that no committee member could serve more than 12 years. This was modelled on The Third Age Trust's suggested Constitution but their recommendation was 9 years. When asked why our U3A had adopted a different number of years David explained that if we put forward 9 years instead of 12 he would lose a large number of his committee in one go. A member queried the use of the word contiguous rather than consecutive but it was decided to adopt the TAT wording. The constitutional changes were proposed by David Griggs and seconded by Katina Smith. Carried with one abstention.

- 9. Election of the committee:** Wendy Boatman, Carolyn Leventon, Hilary Jeaffreson and Nick Hood had decided to stand down. However other committee members were willing to stand for re-election and their proposers and seconders were displayed on the screen.

The following was proposed for Committee members

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| a) | Webmaster: Colin Brown | Proposed Juliet Hale
Seconded Sue Page |
| b) | Committee: Gillian Hill | Proposed Marian Trim
Seconded Susan Kinsey |
| c) | Groups Co-ordinator & Minutes Secretary:
Tricia King | Proposed Rosemary Marciniak
Seconded Stefan Marciniak |
| d) | Committee: Julia Pich | Proposed Gillian Pugh
Seconded Wendy Boatman |

The following nominations had also been received for committee places

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| e) | Committee: David Carter | Proposed Jill Menghetti
Seconded Chris Higbee |
| f) | Committee: Colin Lines | Proposed Fiona Matheson
Seconded Cynthia Lloyd |

No other nominations had been received and the proposal to accept these nominations was carried unanimously.

- 10. AOB:** David presented Wendy, Carolyn and Hilary with bouquets and thanked them for the terrific work they had done for Chorleywood U3A as Group Leaders, Trips organisers and caterers at our meetings. He also thanked Nick Hood for his valuable contribution and was pleased that he would be continuing to run our Twitter account.

- 11. Date and time of next AGM:** Wednesday 25th November 2020.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm

Signed

Date