

MINUTES OF THE AGM FOR THE TETBURY AND DISTRICT u3a. AGM HELD AT THE GOODS SHED ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024.

Start of meeting 11.35

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the 2024 AGM and confirmed the required number of members to be quorate had been met.

Apologies

Apologies were made for three members

Minutes from 2023 AGM

The Chair made reference to the fact that the minutes from the 2023 AGM had been made available for members to read since last month and asked whether anyone had any comments or questions about them. There were none. The proposal was made to approve the minutes and this was seconded. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the 2023 AGM.

Annual Report for 2024 by the Chair

The chair reported that membership numbers had increased to 368 which was an increase of 21 members since last year.

The Tetbury and District u3a's income now exceeds £5,000 year and as result we have had to register as a Charity with the Charity Commission. As a registered charity we have a Charity number and need to make an annual return to the Charity Commission.

Since the last AGM was held in 2023 the Tetbury and District u3a. have supported a number of community projects. These include work with the Lions, St Mary's playgroup, regular performances of the Ukulele group at local events, as well as putting up a Christmas tree in St Saviours Church.

As part of the Tetbury Town Council initiative to make the community aware of what went on locally we took part in the Expo day at Dolphins Hall.

Both u3a and the Goods Shed learnt useful lessons from the trial emergency evacuation at the Goods Shed in October. The exercise went well.

The Chair highlighted the range of activity groups being run by Group Leaders and they were thanked for their hard work by being invited to a lunch at The Tetbury Bowls Club in the summer 2024.

Thanks were also given to the various venues which host the activity groups. The Chair informed the meeting that our Risk Assessment policy covers activities in the various venues.

Thanks was also given to various committee members including Jill James (Business Secretary), Alan Harris (Treasurer), Martin Doidge (Vice-Chair). Alan will remain on the committee but relinquishes his role as Treasurer as he has served his 3 years service.

Thanks was given to all those who had made donations and special thanks extended to the Feeofees.

Final thanks were given to the members of the Tetbury and district u3a for being welcoming and friendly.

Finance Report

The Treasurer was ill and could not present his report. It was presented instead by Martin Doidge. The Finance Report is available for members on the website. Key points to note were as follows:

- The year end for the accounts has changed from 31 March to 30 June so the report can give a more accurate figure of monies available for Tetbury and District u3a after payments have been made to National Office
- The year had seen an increase in membership
- There had been an increase in Gift Aiding
- The end of the year showed a similar bank balance to last year but it included payments made to the National Office
- We are in a strong financial position

A few questions were raised from the floor. One regarded the large marketing costs this year compared to the previous year. It was explained that this was due to the timing of invoices received. A question was also raised about whether we had to now pay bank charges as we are a registered charity. Confirmation was given that we should not have to pay these as a charity. In response to a questions about where the donations came from it was made known that donors were the Feeofees, the Goods Shed and a private individual.

The accounts were accepted as a true record. The Chair thanked Julian Upton for his work in auditing the accounts. Mr Upton has agreed that he is happy to remain as auditor next year.

Election of officers and Committee

The Chair explained that the maximum number of Committee members is 12. Nomination forms from 9 members were received which included all current members and 3 new potential Committee members. The nominated members were proposed and the nominations seconded prior to the meeting. The floor were asked to vote their approval of each nominee. The following were duly elected following voting:

CHAIR: Bernadette Bell was duly elected as Chair

VICE CHAIR: Alan Harris was duly elected as Vice Chair

TREASURER: Martin Doidge was duly elected as Treasurer

SECRETARY: Maggie Roberts was duly elected as Secretary

Anne Cox, Caroline Hose, David Smith, Maggie Smith and Julia Walters were duly elected to the Committee.

AUDITOR: Julian Upton was duly elected as Auditor

AOB

A discussion regarding the newly introduced coffee rota took place following a question that had been sent to the Chair in advance. Concerns centred around whether there was a need for group leaders to find volunteers from their group members. A number of thoughts about how to resolve the rota for coffee were made and the Chair suggested that the coffee rota question be taken back to the committee.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.07 having thanked everyone for their attendance.

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