

## **Minutes of the AGM held on 20 October 2021.**

**1. Welcome**

The new Chair Trish Dewar welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased to confirm our members numbers up from 497 to 539. Thanked everyone for attending.

**2. Apologies**

Peter and June Head, George Hearnden, Michael and Mary Hadley, Phil and Linda Grace, Pat Starling, Carol Rider, Denise Evans, Jessica Walker, Yvonne Cox, Chrissie Lawrence, Ann Kemp and Chris Walker.

**3. Minutes from the AGM** held in February 2021 had been on the Website for all to see. There were **no Matters Arising** and therefore were agreed as they stand.

Proposed by Janet Presland and Seconded by Ken Chambers **Agreed**

**4. Chairman's Report** Appendix A

Proposed by Jean Mole and Seconded By Sally Mortimer **Agreed**

**5.. Treasurer's Report and accounts** Appendix B

Proposed by Janet Flowers and Seconded by Ann Harris **Agreed**

**6. Agreement of Committee**

Tony Monk  
Denise Evans  
Linda Walker  
Jean Mole  
Gerald Boxall  
Jim Morrison  
Maggie Morrison  
Steve Evans  
Trish Dewar

**Offered to help.**

Gwen Walpole (Pub)  
Carole Rider (Recruitment)  
Linda Brett  
Margaret Shelton

No further offers to help at this time

**7. Meeting closed at 2.20pm** with thanks offered by the Chair to all involved especially the Group Leaders

## Appendix A

### Chair's Report 2021

Dear Members

When looking back on this year the first phrase that comes to mind is – ‘What a Year’ – we will never forget 2020 or 2021!

Since taking on the role of Chair of Higham and Rushden u3a I have been fortunate to have had the fantastic support of all committee members.

Despite various restrictions we met on many occasions – often in the Garden Room! This gave us the opportunity to make plans for the future ensuring we were ready ‘to go’ when the restrictions were removed.

In August we had an excellent day outside ASDA promoting Higham and Rushden u3a. We chatted with around 30 people – 13 of whom became new members.

Moving to the Goods Shed for our monthly meetings eventually happened after lots of discussions with RHTS Committee. This has presented a few challenges – microphone cutting out every time I said Good Afternoon !!!!

We said ‘goodbye’ to a few of our Group Leaders. Many thanks to all of you for your time and commitment over the years. And thank you to all the Group Leaders who continue to carry out their role.

My final thank you is to all of you who remained members during this difficult time. By the end of this u3a year our numbers continue to grow.

What do we have to look forward to in 2021 /2022?

A few things come to mind

- Settling into our new home
- New committee members??
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of u3a
- Finance Sub-committee
- New groups??

Kind regards

Trish Dewar

Chair

**Appendix B**

Higham and Rushden U3A

Treasurer's Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

(The Income and Expenditure Statements were posted to the Administration Section of Higham & Rushden U3A website mid-September 2021).

In 2020/21, although our current reserves increased by £1,334 compared to our break-even result of the previous year, the real picture is somewhat different. Operations were down £5,172 in the year (20/21: £2,580; 19/20: £ 7,752). Income, likewise, was down £4,070 (20/21: £3,945; 19/20: £7,938).

Operating costs were certainly kept to a minimum during the two lockdowns this financial year. Income was also restricted to new members and renewals as current members from March this year are enjoying a membership fee holiday, as mentioned at the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 AGM, that is not due to finish until February 2022.

Fortunately, this year's Capitation Fee of £ 1,575 has not been called by the Trust and if paid, this year's result is in the red by £241. However, our final reserves of £1 2,570 are still strong and sufficient to cover a full year of our normal operations and Trust commitments in addition to this year's capitation fee.

In closing, as some of you are already aware, I am standing down after this meeting and handing back the financial mantle to Jean Mole. I wish Jean well in this role and thank the Committee for allowing me to serve for the last three years.

Rushden and Higham U3A has arisen like a phoenix from the ashes of the pandemic and things bode well for the future; the new normal.

I wish the Committee the best of luck.

Thank you.



M N V Wood