

# Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh at 2p.m.

Present: as per membership secretary's signing in sheet

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking the assembled members for attending & apologised on behalf of the retiring Chairman for his enforced absence.

1. Apologies for absence:

Bob & Lyn Farrow, Barbara Oliver, Christine & Derek Few, Linda & Cyril Stringer.

2. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 had been circulated & published on the web site.

The minutes were signed as being correct on a proposal by Peter Laker and seconded by Barry Friend. All were in favour.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. The report of the executive Committee:

This was read by the business secretary on behalf of the Chairman Bob Farrow:  
Copies of the report are available on request.

Susan Neil had made presentations to the retiring committee members during the summer vacation on behalf Rayleigh Grange u3a.

Bob farrow — retiring Chairman.

Veronica Palmer — retiring Vice Chairman & publicity secretary.

Roy Gunn — retiring Treasurer.

Gillian Lilleker — retiring business secretary.

5. To receive the Treasurer's report & Accounts:

Roy Gunn presented the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. These had been circulated to the membership by email prior to the meeting.

A full copy of the report is available on request.

Roy personally thanked all the group leaders, John Palmer & Glyn Overy assistant treasurers for their help during his period of office.

He concluded by advising & thanking the membership for the good response to 'gift aid' stating it had risen from 60% of the membership to 70% during his period of office. There were no questions arising.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Veronica Palmer & seconded by Terry Chitty.

6. To receive the reports of the Group Co-ordinator, Social Secretary & membership Secretary:

Carol Bright — the group co-ordinator presented her report.

Jackie Dillnutt - the Social Secretary — presented her report.

Susan Neil — the Membership secretary presented her report.

Copies of all three reports are available on request.

7. Election of officers of the Executive Committee:

Gillian Lilleker took the chair for the election of the Chairman & whilst doing so thanked Roy Gunn for standing in so ably on this occasion for the retiring Chairman.

Election of Chairman:

It was proposed by Pam Keeys & seconded by Linda Church that Bill Keeys be elected as Chairman for the following year. The motion was carried.

The Chairman took the chair for the remaining nominations.

Election of Treasurer:

It was proposed by Geraldine Gunn and seconded by Jane Westall that David Westall be elected as Treasurer. The motion was carried.

Election of Business Secretary:

It was proposed by Heather Butcher and seconded by David Butcher that Barbara Oliver be elected as business secretary. The motion was carried.

The retiring secretary advised that due to a family bereavement the nominee was unable to be present but was willing to be appointed and would take over her responsibilities in due course.

8. Election of trustees to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 2022/2023: The following nominations have been received for the trustee vacancies:

Ken Bates Proposed by Mary Connaghan seconded by Lynda Rooke.

Carol Bright Proposed by Maureen Pooley seconded by Ann Clarke-Overy.

Jackie Dillnutt Proposed by Lynda Rooke seconded by Ann Newman.

Bob Farrow Proposed by Lyn Farrow seconded by Carol Hardy.

Donna Lowe Proposed by Ann Clarke-Overy seconded by Heather Butcher.

Stephen Lowe Proposed by Ann Clarke-Overy seconded by David Butcher.

Susan Neil Proposed by Doreen Brown seconded by Joan Wayman.

Glyn Overy Proposed by Ann Clarke-Overy seconded by Joan Lagden,

Ann Rawlinson Proposed by Ian Haynes seconded by Ann Newman.

9. To debate any motions submitted by members:

No motions for debate had been received by the closing date.

10. Subscriptions for 2023/2024:

The Treasurer recommended to the meeting that in view of the current need to continue to reduce the reserves he proposed the membership for the forthcoming year should be fixed at E10 per person with a joint membership of E18 per couple. The motion was carried.

11. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It was unanimously agreed that Alan Grewock who had examined our accounts for the past ten years, be asked to undertake the task again.

12. Date & Place of next AGM:

The Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange u3a will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at The Grange Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.20p.m. — with the Chairman thanking everyone for an excellent attendance & urging them to enjoy the talk to be given by Guy Bartlett as previously advertised.