

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange U3A held on Wednesday 6th October, 2021 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 the enforced delayed AGM.

1. Apologies for absence:

Henry & Margaret Close, Phil & Jill Cogger, Donna Lowe.

2. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st September, 2020 under Zoom conditions had been circulated & published on the web site.

The minutes were signed as being correct on a proposal by John Palmer and seconded by Roy Gunn. 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 was given by the Chairman Bob Farrow:

Copies of the report are available on request.

The Chairman then made presentations to the retiring committee members.

Jane Gee retiring vice chair & hall bookings secretary.

Pam Green retiring Social Secretary.

Peta Turner retiring Speaker's secretary.

John Palmer retiring Assistant treasurer.

He thanked all for their sterling work for the term of their office – especially during the very trying period of the Covid pressures

5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and Accounts:

Roy Gunn presented the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2021. These had been circulated to the membership by email prior to the meeting.

A full copy of the report is available on request.

Roy went on to personally thank John Palmer the retiring assistant treasurer for all his hard work over the past months.

6. To receive the report of the Social Secretary & Group co-ordinator:

Reports were not provided for the past year in view of the government restrictions enforced by Covid.

The membership secretary briefly addressed the meeting stating that the membership numbers, contrary to the national figures had maintained a consistently high number.

7. Election of officers of the Executive Committee:

It was proposed by Lyn Farrow and seconded by Angela Bartlett that Bob Farrow be elected 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 Geoff Pearce and seconded by Keith Robjent that Roy Gunn be elected as treasurer. The motion was carried.

Election of Business Secretary:

It was proposed by Stephanie Smith and seconded by Peter Laker that Gillian Lilleker be elected as Business Secretary. The motion was carried.

8. Election of trustees to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 2021/2022:

The following nominations had been received for the trustee vacancies

Ken Bates	Proposed by Mary Connaghan seconded by Carolyn Chittock
Carol Bright	Proposed by Maureen Pooley seconded by Ann Clarke-Overy
Jackie Dillnutt	Proposed by Mike Brookfield seconded by Lynda Rooke
Susan Neil	Proposed by Ann Newman seconded by Edna Webb
Glyn Overy	Proposed by Norman Turner seconded by Ann Clarke-Overy
Veronica Palmer	Proposed by Kenneth Ray seconded by Gloria Ray
Ann Rawlinson	Proposed by Lynda Rooke seconded by Frances Willis
Barbara Oliver	Proposed by Peter Laker seconded by Betty Dafter

There were no other nominations – all were voted for unanimously.
All post holders to be appointed by the trustees at the first meeting.

9. To debate any motions submitted by members:

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

10. Subscriptions for 2021/2022

The treasurer recommended to the meeting that in view of the current need to continue reduce the reserves he proposed the membership for the forthcoming year should be fixed at £10 per person with a joint membership of £19 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 nine years, be asked to undertake the task again.

12. Date & place of next AGM:

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of Rayleigh Grange u3a will be held on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at The Grange Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.35 – with the Chairman thanking everyone for an excellent attendance under these very difficult times.