

# **Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Rayleigh Grange U3A held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh at 2pm**

**Present** As per the membership secretary's signing in sheet

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present and thanked all for attending the AGM

## **1. Apologies for absence.**

Carol Hardy, Brenda Anderson, Liz Simmonds, Barbara Evans, Steph Smith, John & Veronica Palmer

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to the membership and published on the website. They were accepted as correct, proposed by Cyril Stringer and seconded by Linda Rooke

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising for the previous minutes

## **4. Report of the Executive Committee**

The Chair reported on the work of the committee, outlining the changes and work of the different groups. A full report is available on request

## **5. To Receive the Treasurer's Report**

Dave Westall thanked the previous treasurer for the good state the finances had been left in. He went on to outline his job and thanked Glyn Overy (Assistant Treasurer) for all his help in the changes that had taken place in acquiring new external auditors, which had been voted on at the previous special meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Dave explained the need for the reserves and why the this u3a is keeping the membership subscription at the rate of £10.00 per person and £19.00 per couple. He was pleased to get two queries regarding the accounts which showed they were being read and understood.

Dave also said that on line banking had been very successful in paying for many of the events and pointed out that there were crib sheets available for members who still needed help.

Copies of the report had been circulated amongst the members in the room and is available on request.

## **6. To Receive the Report of Group Co-ordinator, Social Secretary and Membership Secretary**

**Carol Bright, Group Co-ordinator**, presented the report. She thanked all group leaders. WE now have 48 active groups covering 35 different interests. The waiting lists are monitored and members encouraged to set up new groups where applicable

**Susan Neil, Membership Secretary** presented the report. The Rayleigh Grange u3a is going from strength to strength, we now have 320 members, 233 female and 86 male. We had 34 new members in the previous year but unfortunately lost 13, 95% of the membership is now on line.

**Jackie Dillnutt (Social Secretary)** She gave a list of previous social events, including the annual holiday in Liverpool, which was enjoyed by all. There are a number of events planned including the Christmas outing and the party this year which will include a live band.

All reports are available on request.

## **7. Election of the Executive Committee**

Barbara Oliver took the chair for the election of the Chairman

### **Election of Chairman.**

It was proposed by Pam Keeyes and seconded by B J Church that Bill Keeyes be elected as Chairman for the following year. The motion was carried

The Chairman took the chair for the remainder of the elections.

### **Election of Treasurer**

It was proposed by Ian Haynes and seconded by Ann Newman that Dave Westall be elected as treasurer for the following year. The motion was carried

### **Election of Business Secretary**

It was proposed by David Butcher and seconded by Heather Butcher that Barbara Oliver be elected as Business Secretary for the following year. The motion was carried.

### **8. Election of Up to Eight Management Committee Members**

The following were received for election

Ann Rawlinson	Proposed by Ian Haynes & seconded by John Palmer
Carol Bright	Proposed by Ann Clarke-Overy & seconded by Maureen Pooley
Glyn Overy	Proposed by Ann Clarke-Overy & seconded by Val Whyley
Ken Bates	Proposed by Mary Connaghan & seconded by Lorraine Taylor
Susan Neil	Proposed by Edna Webb & seconded by Doreen Brown
Jackie Dillnutt	Proposed by Douglas Colson & seconded by Jacqueline Colson
Donna Lowe	Proposed by Jackie Colson & seconded by Douglas Colson
Stephen Lowe	Proposed by Jackie Colson & seconded by Douglas Colson

All were elected

### **9. To debate any motions put forward for debate by the Membership.**

There were no motions put forward to debate by the closing date

### **10. Subscriptions for 2023/24**

The treasurer stated that there was no need to increase the subscriptions and they would remain at £10.00 per person and £19.00 for a couple.

### **11. Election of Independent Examiner**

The independent examiner will remain as Butlers Financial, as elected at the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **12. Date and Place of next AGM**

The Fifteenth AGM of the Rayleigh Grange u3a will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre

\*Before the closure of the meeting Susan Neil made a presentation to Alan & Val Robson who were retiring as the book stall holders after eleven years

\*The treasurer made a plea for the members to think ahead about his successor in 2025. He said he would be very willing to help anyone thinking of taking on the role and would suggest a form of apprenticeship. The treasurer then read a poem written by himself about numbers which was well received

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 14.45pm**

\*Mrs Betty Dafter proposed a thanks to the committee for their hard work. This was well received