



Formby U3A Draft Minutes Of The 2023 AGM
Held Wednesday 9th March 2023

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee. There being 62 members attending the quorum requirements for the AGM to take place were met, with no objections or abstentions.

Apologies for absence: Philip Collins, Pam Ashton, Pat Dunne, Chris and Steve Mcilraith, Val Tibbitts, Pamela McKee Noel Blundell, Marylin Siddons-Smith, Sheila McGuinness, Barbara Gibbons, Jeff Gibbons, Evan Bale.

The chairman explained that the formal aspects of the AGM would take place first, then the talk by Gillian Russell (North West U3A Vice-Chair), followed by an opportunity for informal discussion.

Approval of Minutes of the 2022 AGM: Draft minutes have been published in the April 2022 Newsletter and on the website. There being no matters arising from these minutes, approval was proposed by Martyn Rodmell and seconded by Graham Higley, to be signed by the chairman Helen Lewandowska.

To receive and approve the Annual Report: The Chairman talked through some of the points she wished to highlight.

Formby u3a adopted the Beacon system last October as their computerised record system.

The membership as of the end of December 2022 was 1129. 19 new members joined during January 2023. The Committee have continued in their efforts to support new groups. The regular monthly Coffee mornings have been re-started on the second Thursday of the month, and thanks to all those who have supported these. In addition a monthly informal new members coffee morning has been started at the Queens Social Cafe in Formby.

At the end of December 2022 there were 78 groups. 2 new groups have started during the year and 8 have closed. A couple of groups have closed as leaders have resigned. The committee would welcome volunteers to take on the role of Group Leaders for these, and new groups.

The committee would welcome additional volunteers to join the committee.

Our singing and music groups have been approached about them performing a Christmas concert in 2023 and a keen response was received.

To receive and approve the Treasurer's Report and Independently Reviewed Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022: The Treasurer reported on the financial statements highlighting the principal sources of income (membership subscriptions) and expenditure. Accounts were prepared on Receipts and Payments basis. She ran through the figures in the report, explaining major expenses. Overall the surplus for the year was £1,165.00, with accumulated reserves of £18,499. A question from the floor on the total surplus led to an explanation of the rules that control how charities can spend these.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Graham Higley seconded by Patrick Parkes, and approved by the members present, with no objections, no abstentions.

To Appoint an Independent Reviewer: The re-appointment of Kit Robinson was proposed by Nikki Harrison and seconded by Patrick Parkes.

The Chair expressed her thanks and appreciation of the work done by all committee members, to Noel Blundell (Webmaster, Data Manager, and Formby u3a Beacon Site Administrator), Dave Goodwill (Newsletter Editor), and all members who have helped run Formby u3a for the past year.

Election of Trustees: The following committee members are standing for re-election:

Secretary - Evan Bale

Treasurer - Anne Rodmell

Committee Members Nikki Harrison, Martyn Rodmell, Helen Beaver, Andy Dickinson.

Election of Committee Officers: The following new committee members put themselves forward for Committee Officers

Chair - Helen Lewandowska

Groups Secretary - Graham Higley

These names were confirmed en bloc with no abstentions or objections.

Informal discussions were held after the Speakers presentation, but as no items were raised the meeting was closed.