

## Draft Minutes of Formby U3AAGM2024 held Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March2024

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee. There being 67 members attending, the quorum requirements for the AGM to take place were met.

Apologies for absence were received from: Jean Horne, Dave Goodwill, Noel Blundell, Graham Higley, Kitt Robinson and Cathy Robinson.

The chairman explained that the formal aspects of the AGM would take place first, to be followed by a presentation from this month's Speaker.

### Approval of Minutes of the2023AGM:

Draft minutes have been published in the Spring 2024 Newsletter and on the website. There being no matters arising from these minutes, their approval was proposed by Martyn Rodmell and seconded by Andrew Hoare. The minutes were agreed by the meeting and will be signed by the chairman, Helen Lewandowska, as being approved.

### To receive and approve the Annual Report:

The Chairman presented her report on the activity within Formby u3a in the past 12 months. Highlights included;

The continued popularity of both the coffee morning events and Speakers meetings each month;

The resurrection of the arranged trips, with popular trips to Llandudno and Harrogate. Due to their success work is in hand arrange further trips for the coming year;

The Christmas concert arranged by our music groups proved very popular and very successful, and feedback has been extremely positive. The recorder group put our u3a on the regional map by arranging a a regional recorder day attended by over 30 players.

A number of new groups have started in the year which was very much welcomed. Overall we have 75 active groups at present with the six new groups starting and 2 closing during the year.

The newsletters continue to be published but the decision was made to reduce the frequency to quarterly (from monthly) to ensure there was adequate content.

The Chair expressed her particular thanks to Kitty and her team (coffee morning catering), Keith Jacques (puzzles and books), Noel Blundell (Webmaster) and Dave Goodwill (Newsletter) for their continued support during the year. The Chair closed with a small presentation to Anne and Martyn Rodmell, who are both leaving the committee, in recognition of their sterling work as treasurer (5 years!) and Speaker's Secretary respectively.

### To receive and approve the Treasurer's Report and Independently Reviewed Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023:

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, highlighting the significant areas of expenditure. Overall, the surplus for the year was £92 (£1,165.00 in 2022), with accumulated reserves of £18,591 (£18,499 in 2022).

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Andrew Dickinson, seconded by Michael

Lewandowski, and approved by the members present, with no objections, no abstentions.

To Appoint an Independent Examiner of accounts:

The meeting was advised that our past reviewer, Kit Robinson was standing down and that Mr David Poole was being proposed as his replacement. This was formally proposed by Martyn Rodmell and seconded by Peter Kehoe. The proposal was agreed by the members present, there were no objections or abstentions. The Treasurer extended the thanks of the Committee to Kit for all his work as our Independent Reviewer in recent years.

To receive and approve submitted Resolutions.

The Secretary confirmed that no Resolutions had been received for the meeting.

Election of Officers and Trustees:

The following committee members are standing for re- election: Chair, Helen Lewandowska;  
Secretary, Evan Bale;  
Membership Secretary, Andy Dickinson; Groups Secretary, Graham Higley  
Committee Members, Nikki Harrison,

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

Treasurer, Sue Robertson.

The following members put themselves forward for to join the Committee: David Skelton, Ian Robertson and Christine Hosie.

The Chair proposed that voting for Officers and Trustees to be held en-bloc, rather than individually unless there were any objections. The proposal was seconded by Steve Bass and carried with no objections or abstentions.

The vote was then held to appoint the above listed Officers and Trustees, proposed by Steve Bass and seconded by Andre Hoare. The appointments were agreed with no objection or abstentions.

The meeting was opened up to the floor for questions or any other business, but as no items were raised, the meeting was closed at 14.20.