

Whitchurch and District u3a

Minutes of the AGM held at the Archibald Worthington Club at 10:30am on 2nd December 2024

- 1. Apologies for absence were received from:-** David Clarke, Mervyn Pearson, Rosemary Pearson, Sylvia Walker, Carl Bentley, Richard Shrimplin, Sue Matthews, William Thomas, Beverley Copeman, Barbara Bailey, Daphne Nairn, Jan Nelson, Pauline Podesta, John Taylor, Margaret Bourne, Pauline Sokolowski, Margaret Cooke. Peter Cooke, Kay Casbolt, Anne Ansten, Richard Cheeseman, Lally Cheeseman and Charlie Owen

There were 67 attendees at the meeting.

- 2. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes:-** Approved with no comments. Proposer Malcolm Sheridan, seconder Penelope Dohoo

- 3. Chair's Report of u3a activities.**

Our Chairman resigned on 2nd October, and as Vice Chairman I have prepared a brief report of our activities during 2024.

We continue to flourish with new members arriving weekly at our Monday morning Meet and Quiz sessions. Currently we have 240 members of whom 6 are honorary i.e. aged over 90. These members do not have to pay for membership.

Sadly, we lost our bizzzy fingers group this year, but our new Open Minds Group have had many varied and interesting discussions and now have a waiting list. The Group Presentations have been very enjoyable and informative, it is fascinating to hear and see all that is going on in Whitchurch u3a. We have a full year of presentations lined up for 2025 starting on 27th January with a book swap. Useful as the Library is still closed. Please keep the 4th Monday monthly free to join us all.

Our Summer Garden party at The Archie was very successful, thanks to Margaret and her team for all their organisation. Many thanks to all our members who help to keep us all on the road. Christine and Paul who arrive early each Monday to prepare the room and coffee. Christine and Paul have been working at this for many years please we need someone else to take over in 2025 offers please. Thanks also to Linda who greets everyone, Sue who liaises with publicity and Elaine, our Welfare Officer, please let her know of any member who is unwell and she will send a get well card on behalf of us all. Also, thanks to Catherine who arranges for our monthly speakers. Please let her know of any speaker you know about who would be willing to speak to us, and a special thanks to all the members who prepare our weekly quizzes.

2025 is the 30th anniversary of Whitchurch u3a. In early January 1995 a local Grammar School Teacher, Bill Cambridge, put a notice in the Whitchurch Herald asking if anybody was interested in forming a u3a Group in Whitchurch. There was a meeting held at Sir John Talbot School on 23rd January attended by 6 people and the first committee took place later that month with 25 members signing up. In March 1995 Whitchurch and District U3A became a member of the University of the Third Age Trust.

The Third Age Trust welcomed a new leadership team at its 2024 A.G.M. and one of their aims is to reach 500,000 members by 2028 (presently 400,000). LEARN TO LIVE, "A

blueprint for better health and wellbeing” has been published The u3a is arguably one of the biggest and most successful examples of non-formal learning in the world.

SO LIVE, LEARN AND LAUGH especially within Whitchurch and District u3a!

Jenny Wilson

4. Other activity report(s)

Financial report

The accounts for 2023-2024 have been audited and approved

I would like to thank Maurice for doing the audit and the advice given for future years

I would also like to thank Linda Fowles for receiving the money every Monday and trying to make sure there is no loose change when she hands it to me which greatly helps carrying it all to the bank

Please feel free to ask any questions regarding the accounts at the end of the AGM

Jane Caine

Membership report

Initially today there were 197 members. Then another paid cash making 198. It was then found that two more had paid by BACS making a current total of 200 members.

Elaine Vine

5. **Approval of Financial Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st August 2024.** The accounts were audited and approved by Maurice Quinn.
6. **Appointment of an Examiner for the year 2024/25.** Maurice Quinn agreed to audit next year's accounts.
7. **Election of Officers and Members to serve on the Committee for the year 2024/25.** The following were nominated, proposed and seconded –
Malcolm Sheridan (chairman),
Peter Williams (secretary),
Jane Caine (treasurer),
Elaine Vine (membership secretary),
Margaret Lavin (committee member),
Jenny Wilson (committee member),
Sharon Sheridan (committee member).
As there were still three spaces on the committee, all the above were unopposed and approved en bloc.
8. **Any constitutional changes.** There were no requests for any changes, but the constitution is to be checked by the committee.
9. **Proposed motions.** There were no motions proposed.
10. **A.O.B.** Reminders to be sent to those who have not yet paid for this year.
There is a Country Dancing group in Market Drayton on Friday mornings.
There was no other business

11. The next AGM is proposed to be on 20th October 2025 10:30am at the Archibald Worthington Club.

The meeting was closed at 11.15am