

**Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Kenilworth u3a  
which was held as a virtual meeting on  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Present:** 125 members participated in the virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- 1 The Chairman, David Hazeldine, opened the meeting at 2.30pm and declared that the AGM was quorate. He delivered his welcome address by Zoom.

He said that Kenilworth u3a had made the right decision to postpone the 2020 AGM and to stay in touch with members in a number of different ways, particularly through internet technology. Email and Zoom have been invaluable in sustaining our communications with members and allowing learning to continue. While online communication is no substitute for face-to-face meeting, it is a powerful alternative option. He expects to see an increase in hybrid strategies combining the physical and the virtual in future.

- 2 Apologies for absence were received from 5 members.

- 3 The Minutes of the Thirteenth AGM 1st October 2020 were agreed nem.con.

- 4 There were no matters arising from the Thirteenth AGM.

5. The Chair informed the meeting that the Secretary, Bernice Astling, was stepping down from the Executive Committee and he thanked her for her work. He also informed members that he was stepping down from the Committee after three years as Chair. He said that he had done his best to build up links with local and regional u3a networks and to promote links with Warwick University, supporting successful Study Days to benefit our members. The Chair thanked all members of the Executive Committee for their support.

Referring to the Annual Accounts 2020, the Treasurer, Geoff Randall, highlighted the point that reserves had increased to about £9,000 due to a number of reasons; 2020 subscriptions were collected, but then all meetings were cancelled as a result of Covid. Ku3a also benefited from our Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Therefore, the membership subscription for 2021 was reduced. Given healthy reserves, the Executive Committee has recommended that this reduced fee is continued in 2022. The Treasurer thanked David Paxton for his work as Independent Examiner.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2020 were adopted nem.con.

6. It was proposed by Catherine Pennington and seconded by Nick Booker that David Paxton continue to act as Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2021. David Paxton was appointed as Independent Examiner of 2021 Accounts nem.con.

7. Members nominated for the Executive Committee of Kenilworth U3a 2021-22 were elected nem.con. The Ku3a Executive Committee for 2021-22 will be: Nick Booker; Lidia Donald; Helen Higginson; Peter Hodges; Leo Lewis; Alison Lucas; Graham Luckman; Catherine Pennington; Geoff Randall.

8. The following proposal on membership subscriptions 2022 was proposed by Lidia

Donald and seconded by Alison Lucas. It was carried nem.con:

*'The Executive Committee of Kenilworth u3a proposes that the Membership Subscription to KU3A for 2022 should remain at the reduced level of £10 levied for 2021, in the light of the impact of Covid-19 on Ku3a activities. In addition, for the same reasons, that the subscription for Associate Members should remain at £5 for 2022.'*

9. Helen Higginson thanked David Hazeldine and Bernice Astling for their service on Ku3a Executive Committee.

The Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Kenilworth u3a closed at 3.03pm