

RINGMER U3A

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 2pm in the Jack Hart Hall

There were 34 members present.

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from 25 members.

(2) Minutes of the last AGM held on 12th August 2020

Proposal 1: It was proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the 2020 AGM (having previously been agreed by the Committee on 9th October 2020). This was proposed by Jill Collins, seconded by Keith Moore and carried by the meeting.

(3) Matters Arising - None

(4) Vice Chairman and Trustees' Report

Ian Loughborough presented his report for the year 2020/21 (circulated with the Agenda). He reiterated that more members are required on the committee and that he is continuing as Vice Chairman as it appears that no-one is willing to take on the role of Chair. This is an unsustainable situation which may ultimately lead to the closure of Ringmer u3a. No questions were raised by members.

(5) Treasurer's Report for the year to 31st March 2021

Ian Loughborough presented the report and accounts prepared by Sylvia Coleman (circulated with the Agenda) which shows a good, healthy financial position. These accounts have been checked and signed off by our Independent Examiner, Sue Tibbenham. He also expressed his thanks to Sylvia for her work in looking after the accounts.

(6) Financial Proposals for 2021/22

(i) **Proposal 2:** To maintain our annual subscriptions at their current level. Proposed by Neil Morgan, seconded by Sarah Boot-Handford and carried by the meeting.

(ii) **Proposal 3:** Proposal for Sue Tibbenham to be the Independent Examiner of Ringmer U3A accounts for 2021/22. Proposed by Sue Hall, seconded by Lynne Booth and carried by the meeting.

(7) Interest Groups' Report

Tim Polwart was unable to be present but had submitted his report (circulated with the Agenda). Ian Loughborough highlighted the fact that one or two groups have changed their Convener during the year. He explained that we are always more than happy to start new groups if there is sufficient interest. Lynne Booth encouraged members to take on convener roles in the future as, in her experience, the job is not an onerous one.

(8) Sussex U3A Network (SUN) representative's report – Jill Collins

Jill submitted her report (previously circulated with the Agenda)) and said that details of future events will be available at the end of November/beginning of December. She encouraged members to sign up early for the 2022 Summer School in Chichester as it is likely to be extremely popular. Ian Loughborough expressed thanks on behalf of all the members for Jill's continuing work as our SUN Representative.

(9) Amendment of Constitution

Proposal 4a: It is proposed to insert a new paragraph “(17) Meetings via Electronic Means” in the Constitution, as circulated to members, that permits virtual meetings.

No questions were raised by the meeting. The proposal was proposed by Lynne Booth, seconded by Jill Collins and carried unanimously.

Proposal 4b: It is proposed to amend the Constitution to adopt the terms Chair and Vice Chair, as circulated to members.

After discussion, Ian Loughborough asked if anyone wished to make a counter-proposal. As no counter-proposal was put forward, Proposal 4(b) above was proposed by Neil Morgan, seconded by Sue Pedley and carried unanimously.

(10) Election of the Executive Committee

We are able to have 12 members on the Committee but at present there are just seven, so some current committee members are multi-tasking. During the coming year we may exercise our right to co-opt up to two extra members to help us.

Proposal 5: It is proposed that the following current members be elected en bloc on to the Executive Committee for 2021-22: (Ian Loughborough, Sylvia Coleman, Kay Fitzgerald, Ken Boot-Handford, Jill Collins, Keith Moore and Tim Polwart).

Proposed by Peter Kammerling, seconded by Jenny West and carried unanimously by the meeting.

(11) Any Other Business - None

The meeting closed at 2.36pm.

Ian Loughborough, Vice-Chairman

Kay Fitzgerald, Hon. Secretary