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Faringdon and District

Charity Number 1116311

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025 held on Thursday 10th April at 2.30pm at FARINGDON CORN EXCHANGE

(Throughout these minutes (P) indicates proposer and (S) indicates seconder)

The Chair declared the meeting open and quorate with an excess of 50 members in attendance

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
   Apologies were received from: -
   Margaret Brown, Geof Brown, Steve Harpum, Fiona Harpum, Steve Braithwaite, Jenny Braithwaite, Sue Cain, Val, Bill Egington, Margaret Lloyd, Suellen Pedley

2. **Minutes of AGM 2023**
   Copies of the minutes were circulated to membership with the AGM reminder in March.
   Peter Smith raised the question of ongoing cost for hard copy newsletters.
   Chairman indicated the issue will be covered in Treasurer report.
   The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting
   (P) Rita Higazi (S) S. Rowan and agreed *nem con*.

3. **Matters Arising**
   There were no further matters arising

4. **Chairman's Report**

   Chairman's report for the year 2024 to the Faringdon u3a AGM

   Perhaps no news is good news? I have very little to say other than that your u3a at the end of 2024 is much the same as it was at the end of 2023 and I think that many people would be entirely happy with that state of affairs, if there are those who feel that there is progress to be made in any particular direction, they have signally failed to let me know - my door is open.

   Membership numbers are much the same as they were although there is a natural turnover of about 10% through infirmity or relocation the number joining for the first time is at approximately the same level

   Financially we are seeing the fruits of a number of measures we have taken which means that we can maintain a proper reserve despite the fact that the cost of your subscription is much the same as it was ten years ago despite inflation and I calculate that you get all this apart, from any Group charges, for approximately the same weekly cost as a single copy of the Daily Star - in the unlikely case that you were a reader of that particular newspaper!

   We are saying goodbye to three members of the committee. Sheila who has for years produced an excellent series of Lecturers who have informed and entertained us on a wide variety of subjects, Peter who has brought his great professionalism to the Events responsibility for nine years, Roger who has been our excellent secretary for five years and Christopher our Treasurer who is moving away from the area after twenty-five years in Buckland, the only reasonable excuse for which that I can imagine is the peril of turning right onto the A420.

To them all we give our grateful thanks as indeed I do to those other remaining members of our committee for all their various contributions.

I am pleased to say that we have three volunteers to join the committee two of whom will, I hope, be filling the two vacancies among your officers although Christopher is actually standing again as Treasurer while his replacement decides whether he is comfortable with the way in which he will be working with the Beacon accounting system. I should therefore make it clear that you will be appointing Christopher to the office of Treasurer with the clear understanding that he should soon be replaced by David O'Connor without a separate vote by the membership.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

INSERT TREASURER REPORT

Proposal to accept annual accounts rejected by several members on account of numbers not being audited.
Proposal to accept accounts subject to final audit (P) Tessa Timms, (S) Member from floor
Agreed
Chairman announced final audited accounts to be circulated to members on completion of examination

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
There were 4 nominations for election to the Committee:-

David Emett for Secretary (P) Tessa Timms (S) Peter Robinson.
The meeting approved the appointment *nem con*

David O'Connor (P) Peter Hoole, (S) Christopher Langham
The meeting approved the appointment *nem con*

Neville Brampton (P) John Curtis, (S) Roger Wilkins
The meeting approved the appointment *nem con*

John Curtis for Vice Chairman (P) Chris Langham, (S) Ricky Cunningham
The meeting approved the appointment *nem con*

Proposal to reappoint existing Committee members (P) Member from floor (S) Member from floor
The meeting approved the appointment *nem con.*

6. APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS
The meeting was reminded that in accordance with the constitution it is necessary each year to reappoint the examiner of accounts.
Proposal to reappoint examiner (P) Peter Hoole, (S) John Curtis
The meeting approved the appointment *nem con*

Chairman thanked Mike Bathe for his continued support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
There were no other business points

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 14:53