

Annual General Meeting of U3A in Ludlow

held at 10:30 am on 28th March 2022
at Ludlow Assembly Rooms

The Chairman, Robert Hodge, began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the AGM. *u3a in Ludlow* is required by the Charity Commission to have an AGM every calendar year. This AGM is for the year 2021 and is only 6 months after the AGM for 2020 which had to be postponed from its scheduled date in March 2020 because of Covid restrictions.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from *Michael Cooke, Suzanne Taylor* and *Geoff Wright*.

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM (27th September 2021) and matters arising

The Minutes had previously been posted on the *u3a in Ludlow* website. The Chairman asked if anyone present had any corrections or matters arising. There being none, acceptance of the Minutes as a true record of the meeting was proposed by *David Hatchell*, seconded by *Michael Haines*, and approved by those present.

3. Adoption of the Chairman's Report

Robert Hodge presented his Chairman's report which had previously been posted on the *u3a in Ludlow* website and outlined the key points. In particular, he appealed to the members for more of them to volunteer to be Study Group Coordinators and also to serve on the Committee. The survey of members mentioned in his report had now been done and the results are still to be published.

Finally, *Robert* said that although he could stay on the committee for one more year he had decided to step down immediately because of other commitments.

In the absence of any questions arising, acceptance of the Annual Report was proposed by *Nino Binns*, seconded by *Gillian Sharpe*, and approved by those present.

4 & 5. Adoption of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's Report and the summary of income and expenditure had previously been posted on the *u3a in Ludlow* website and *Grace Wilkins* outlined the key points. In particular, she reiterated that the deficit for 2021 was planned by the committee and the cash surplus is sufficient to ensure there will be no problems in the short term. In response to a question from *David Hatchell* the Treasurer assured those present that the accounts had been audited but she had only received them the previous day.

There being no further questions from the floor acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts was proposed by *Chris Coles*, seconded by *Nino Binns*, and approved by those present.

6. Election of Committee Members and Officers

The Chairman pointed out that under our constitution Committee Members served for one year and must be re-elected annually.

Robert Hodge then called for the election of the Officers of *u3a in Ludlow*. *Janice Haines* was standing as Chairman, *Suzanne Taylor* as Vice Chairman, *Grace Wilkins* as Treasurer and *Barbara Ball* as Secretary. *Robert Hodge* suggested a vote on their election 'en bloc'. All four appointments were unanimously approved by a show of hands from those present.

Robert Hodge then called for the election of three committee members: *Michael Cooke*, *Sue Billing* and *Peter Law*. All three appointments were unanimously approved by a show of hands from those present.

7. Election of Examiner

The existing examiner of our accounts, *Ian Stewart*, has indicated he was willing to continue. *Ian Stewart* was proposed for Examiner which was unanimously approved by a show of hands from those present.

8. Any Other Business

Janice Haines proposed a vote of thanks to *Robert Hodge* for his Chairmanship of *u3a in Ludlow* over the previous three years. We had all benefited from his technical IT skills which enabled us to use Zoom to continue as many of our activities as possible during the pandemic. She also proposed a vote of thanks to all Study Group Coordinators without whom *u3a in Ludlow* could not exist.

Although this concluded the formal business of the meeting, *Robert Hodge* advised those attending that the quorum required to validate the proceedings of AGM had not been reached. In accordance with the Constitution, he therefore adjourned the proceedings of the AGM at 10.55 am, until Monday 4th April at 09:30 am. This meeting would be by Zoom. At that meeting, whether it was quorate or not, those attending would under the Constitution be able to ratify the proceedings of the adjourned AGM. He would email an invitation to the Zoom meeting to all members that afternoon.