

# Towcester u3a

## Minutes of

### Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 14:00

Committee Members present: Steve Porter – Chair; Terry Goldfinch - Treasurer; Jill Stewart – Group Liaison; Alison Burnley - Membership; Alison Foxtton -Publicity; Deb Heaphy – Business Secretary; Anne Parkes – Speaker Liaison; Jenny Rigby; Tricia Burningham – Minute Secretary

Apologies received: Alison Burnley - Membership

#### 1. Welcome

- a. SP welcomed the 79 members in attendance at this AGM which was held in advance of the Monthly Meeting.
- b. Voting for all items had been held online; except for item 6 below (membership subscriptions which had been omitted from the voting papers and was voted at the meeting).
- c. 123 votes (20% of membership) had been cast out of a total membership of 613. Therefore, the quorum requirement (minimum 62 members) had been met.

#### 2. Notes and Voting Results of the 2022 AGM

Do you approve the notes and voting results of the 2022 AGM?		
Yes	71	(57.72%)
No	0	
I did not take part in the 2022 AGM	47	(38.21%)
I was not a member in May 2022	0	
Abstained	5	(4.07%)
Motion Carried		

#### 3. Trustees Report (available on our website)

Do you approve the Trustees Report covering the period June 2022 to May 2023?		
Yes	110	(89.43%)
No	2	(1.63%)
Abstained	11	(8.94%)
Motion Carried		

#### 4. Financial Report for year ending 28th Feb 2023 (available on our website)

Do you approve the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2023?		
Yes	111	(90.24%)
No	2	(1.63%)
Abstained	10	(8.13%)
Motion Carried		

**5. Appointment of Essendon Accounts and Tax Ltd as our external examiner until the next AGM**

Do you agree to the re-appointment of Essendon Accounts and Tax Ltd. as our external examiner until the next AGM?		
Yes	113	(91.87%)
No	3	(2.44%)
Abstained	7	(5.69%)
Motion Carried		

**6. Approval of membership subscription for 2024/25 remaining at £20**

This item was voted on by a show of hands at the meeting. 79 people were present, which is 12.9% of the membership and therefore quorate.

Do you approve the membership subscription for 2024/25 remaining at £20?		
Yes	79	(100.00%)
No	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion Carried		

**7. Election of Committee Members 2023/24**

Do you agree with the election of the nominees for the Executive Committee to serve until May 2024?		
Yes	112	(91.06%)
No	1	(0.81%)
Abstained	10	(8.13%)
Motion Carried		

- a. The next monthly Committee Meeting to be held on 5 June 2023 would discuss and determine who will fulfil each role on the Committee.
- b. Stephen Porter conveyed thanks for the hard work and dedication of the serving committee members on behalf of the membership.

**8. AOB - Questions Raised by Members**

- a. Two members questioned the need to continue with the booking process for monthly meetings. In answer to this question:
  - i. Having an idea of the number of people likely to attend facilitates preparation to the room.
  - ii. Having a list of those expected speeds up the booking in process and avoids long entry queues.
  - iii. Knowing who is present is necessary for insurance and in case of emergency.
- b. Availability of a Minibus from Towcester town to meetings.
  - i. There had been a brief discussion of this item and the Committee recommended lift sharing as an option. A call for volunteers would be included in the Next Bulletin and on the Website.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 14:12