

# Christchurch Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Christchurch Baptist Church on  
Monday 11 November 2019 at 2.00 pm

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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**Present:** A list of those members present is attached to these minutes.

**1 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from: June Cooke, Trevor Goodman, Helen Heatley, Joanna Hensman, Laila Lacey, Nesta O'Larder, Pat Parker, Chris Powell, Debbie Stephens and Richard Titcumb.

**2 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record by the Chair.  
Proposer: Lindsay Turner; Seconder: Jill Dale

**3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4 Chair's Report**

Accepted. No vote required.

John Wingfield (Chair) commented:

This has been quite a successful year although a worrying one. The positions of Treasurer, General Secretary and Venues Secretary became vacant. Christchurch U3A was very lucky to avoid closure or amalgamation as without the first two, the Charity Commission would have closed us down. Keith Weston is the new Treasurer, Martin Axton the new General Secretary. There is a new Venues Secretary, Judy Hall, and Kathleen Smith is joint Membership Secretary with Eileen Lancaster. The joint managers of the Epicentre resigned for health reasons and have been replaced by Janice Russell-Taylor.

**5 Financial Report**

Accepted. Proposer: Anne Hewitson; Seconder: Pauline Richards

Anne Hewitson queried the viability of some groups and whether the fee of £45 was adequate for multiple classes. Jan Harris (Treasurer) replied that Jill Dale (Group Co-ordinator) analyses the attendee figures on the registers and compares them with venue costs.

**6 Approve the Continued Appointment of the Examiner of the Accounts**

Approval of John Childs as Examiner of the Accounts.

Proposer: Jan Harris; Seconder: Monica Francis

Unanimous acceptance.

**7 Election of Management Committee**

Eight Management Committee members were introduced to members.

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Martin Axton (new) - General Secretary  
Keith Weston (new) - Treasurer  
John Fairbairn - New Member Contact  
Eileen Lancaster and Kathleen Smith (new) - Joint Membership Secretaries  
Dee Collins - Assistant Programme Co-ordinator  
Judy Hall (new) - Venues Secretary  
Jill Dale - Group Co-ordinator

Four Committee members were unable to attend:

Ron Watson – Active News Editor  
Janice Miller – Vintage Brass Representative  
Helen Heatley – Programme Co-ordinator  
Bud Thornley – Publicity Organiser - unable to attend due to illness

Proposer: Jennet Lambert; Seconder: Ernie Ball

There was a presentation to Jan Harris, the retiring Treasurer, who was thanked for her hard work.

## **8 Propositions Received**

No propositions had been received.

## **9 Any Other Business**

John Childs (Examiner of Accounts) stressed that invoices should always be submitted and any donations should have back-up paperwork.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were then served.

There then followed an interesting talk by Ernie Ball about the Royal Airforce Air Cadets.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm.