

Christchurch Committee Meeting

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

Item	Subject
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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 The joint managers of the Epicentre resigned for health reasons and have been replaced by Janice Russell-Taylor.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.