

Christchurch u3a Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Christchurch Baptist Church on Monday 14 November 2022

Present: A list of those members present is attached to a hard copy of these minutes..

John Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting and confirmed the meeting was quorate.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from: Lucille Brooke-Dew, Wendy Greenland, Helen and Michael Heatley, Lynda and Gareth Habgood, Jenny Joy, Janice Miller Stephen Petty, Kathleen Smith, Debbie Stevens, Jean Ward, Paula Watton, April and John Weal, Linda Wilson
2. **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 8 November 2021.**
The Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record
Proposer: Jennet Lambert. Seconded: Ron Watson.
3. **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising.
4. **Chair's Report** John Bell reported that despite many challenges over the past three years, Christchurch u3a is committed to providing the best possible service to its members through the delivery of a wide range of activities. Currently we have 840 members, 26 venues and approximately 85 active groups. Looking ahead, like many organisations, we continue to be challenged by the uncertainty of the economic environment and the potential impact of inflation. However there are ample funds and reserves in the bank account to ensure our financial future.

Since the last AGM there have been several changes to the committee. Keith Weston, Treasurer, was replaced by Cherry Rance. Unfortunately Cherry, for personal reasons, is standing down at the end of the year and will be replaced by Kathleen Smith, Assistant Treasurer. Jennet Lambert is standing down as Group Co-ordinator. Dee Collins is standing down as Assistant Programme Co-ordinator to focus on her new role as Social Events Co-ordinator. John thanked Dee, Keith, Jennet and Cherry for their outstanding contribution to Christchurch u3a and wished them well in their future endeavours.

John welcomed Mary Fyfe (Assistant Programme Co-ordinator), Sarah Howell-Davies (Project Manager Website Migration) Elaine Trayler (Office Manager) and Jackie Sherman (Group Co-ordinator) to the team.

John thanked all past and present committee members, the group leaders, and the team of hidden helpers for their support and commitment. A number of the committee posts require deputies so if any members would like to join the team and help make a difference please let us know.

There is an ongoing need to develop the range of activities we provide so if anyone you would like to start a new group or set up a secondary group to cut waiting lists for an existing group please let us know.

5. Financial Report

John Bell apologised for the meeting being held without the Treasurer being present and explained Keith Weston resigned in August, Cherry Rance has returned to full time employment and Kathleen Smith is on holiday. John reported that the restructuring of the bank accounts to provide improved accountability and control is almost completed. The value of the reserve shares shown as “to be advised” in the accounts is £11,113.88 at the current market value.

The Accounts, audited by John Childs, were approved and accepted.
Proposerr: Ron Watson. Seconded: Jennet Lambert
The Financial Report was accepted unanimously.

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

John Bell thanked John Childs for examining the accounts. It was proposed that John Childs be reappointed as Examiner of the Accounts.
Proposer: Ron Watson. Seconded: Eileen Lancaster
The appointment was accepted unanimously.

7. Election of Management Committee

The committee members were introduced:

John Bell	Chair
Sue Fillery	Business Secretary

John Fairbairn	Vice-Chairman and New Members Contact
Eileen Lancaster	Membership Secretary
Helen Heatley	Programme Co-ordinator
Jackie Sherman	Group Co-ordinator
Judy Hall	Venues Secretary
Ron Watson	Active News Editor

Not Present:

Cherry Rance	Treasurer
Kathleen Smith	Assistant Treasurer
Paula Watton	Publicity Organiser
Janice Miller	Vintage Brass Band

Also introduced:

Sarah Howell-Davies - Website Migration Project Manager and Mary Fyfe, Assistant Programme Co-ordinator

Proposed: Jill Dale. Seconded: Nina Blake

The election of the committee members was accepted.

Also thanked were:

Norman Richards	Life President
Ginette Porter	Treasurer (Travel Group)
Archie Hoggan	Technical Co-ordinator
Jennet Lambert	Speaker Secretary
Elaine Trayler	Epicentre Manager

8. Propositions Received None received.

9. Any Other Business

Congratulations were given to Norman Richards (Life President) who will be 100 years old on 28 December 2022.

There was no other business.

John Bell thanked everyone for attending.