

Minutes of the Milford & Godalming U3A Annual General Meeting held on 10 May 2024 at Milford Village Hall at 2pm

Present: Committee Members: Lisa Seeley (Chair), Sue Allen, Pamela Brown, Gillian Martin, David Murrell, John Oakey, Ray Seeley (Secretary), Liz Simmons and David Sowerbutts (Treasurer)

There were 68 members present in person (including Committee) and 8 members by proxy.

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and declared the meeting quorate as more than 10% of the membership were present in person or by proxy.
2. Apologies had been received from Lavinia Martins (Committee) Gillian Hillman, Wayne & Kay Richardson, Victoria Hitchcock and Ann Dale.
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th June 2023, and the Special General Meeting held on 8th September 2023, having been distributed to all members, were taken as read. David Sowerbutts proposed and Ann Stewart seconded that they be adopted, which was approved by the members and the two sets of minutes were signed by the Chair.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. The branch Chairman, Lisa Seeley, read her report for the year, which is attached to the file copy.
6. The Treasurer read his report and explained the Accounts – both attached. He requested that members ticked the Gift Aid box when renewing as this gave useful additional income to the u3a. We could save money if members who did not want the u3a magazine could discontinue it. He gave explanations to questions raised, in particular in connection with the membership surcharge, which was continuing.
7. It was proposed by Ian Taylor, seconded by Pauline Wigham and approved by the meeting that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, as presented by the Treasurer, be adopted.
8. Subscriptions for 2024/25 would remain at £25 with a £10 supplement for groups meeting more than once a month. *[Secretary's note. To facilitate collection of the supplement through subscriptions rather than by Group Leaders, it was subsequently agreed by the Committee that the basic subscription would be renamed "Standard" and the subscription for members joining groups meeting more than once a month, would be termed "Prime".]*
9. The Accounts Examiner, Alan Liddle was re-elected.
10. It was proposed by Liz Simmons and seconded by Sue Losson that Sue Allen be elected Vice Chairman. Duly passed.
11. Gillian Martin was not seeking re-election. The Chair thanked Gillian for her services to the u3a over many years. Following a proposition by Ray Seeley, seconded by David Sowerbutts, it was agreed that Bob Fearnley and Lavinia Martins be re-elected to the Committee.
12. Nominations for the Committee had been received for Robert Bellamy and Jonathan Gould. Both proposed by Lisa Seeley and seconded by Ray Seeley. There being no other nominations . the meeting approved their election. *(Secretary's note: due to a change in his personal circumstances, Jonathan Gould was unable to take up the position)*
13. No Other Business was brought before the meeting.
14. Meeting closed at 2.40 pm.

Signed Chair 9/5/25