

ARNOLD U3A
8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2018 at 1.45 p.m.
AT ARNOLD METHODIST CHURCH

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of previous AGM.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Financial Report.
5. Approval of Appointment of Examiner for the Accounts.
6. Election of Honorary Officers.
Chair. Vice Chair. Treasurer. Business Secretary.
7. Election of new Committee members.
8. Motions from members previously put to the Business Secretary.
 - a) **To adopt a revised Charitable Purposes clause for Arnold U3A's constitution.**
9. Motions from members from the floor.
10. Thanks to the retiring committee members.
11. Hand over to the new Chairman.
12. Close of AGM.
13. Vote on nominated Charity for 2018/19.

The meeting opened at 1.45 p.m. There were 203 members present.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from – Sally and Malcolm Button, Jane Pavier, Deryck Allen, Marie Bell, Mike and Sue Anthony and Pat Simons.

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM:

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were presented.. No amendments were suggested. There were no matters arising. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Phil Sanderson. Seconded: David Edwards.
Rosie Allen, as Chair, signed the minutes.

3. Chair's report:

The Chair's report had been circulated to members before the meeting, indicating the work the committee have been undertaking during this year. A major focus has been on developing new Interest Groups with 8 new groups this year. Thanks Pauline Greaves for your work on this. It is incredibly important as our U3A grows that we continue to enable members to have Groups they can join without waiting lists. I would like to thank our Interest Group leaders and convenors and those involved in the model we are beginning to develop of shared collaborative leading of groups. Very great thanks also to all the other people who do so many jobs. I am pleased that a very high proportion of members help. Also, the Committee has been looking into a new Management System for our U3A called Beacon and I am sure this will be a major focus for the new Committee.

Approval of the Chair's report: Proposer: David Brown. Seconder: Peter Hewitt.

4. Financial Report:

The Financial report already circulated to members.

There was a query from the floor about the reduced gift aid contribution this year. June explained that last year's contribution was our first claim and included 3 year's back pay.

Approval of the report: Proposer Ann Staples. Secunder: Rene Batteshall.

5. Approval of appointment of Examiner of Accounts:

The proposal for Ann Sutton to continue to audit the accounts was accepted by the members.

Proposer: Margaret Edwards. Secunder: Mary Patterson.

6. Election of Honorary Officers:

The following honorary officers were approved.

Neil Hunt – Chair.

Peter Hewitt – Vice Chair.

Christine Gardner. – Treasurer.

Gloria Spencer – Business Secretary.

The members agreed the nominations.

7. Election of Committee:

The following people have been appointed onto the committee with general approval from the members.

Jean Cussons. John Gardner. Kristyna Mitchell. Bob Rotheram.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

8. Motions from members previously sent to Business Secretary.

To adopt a revised Charitable Purposes clause for Arnold U3A's constitution.

Present clause:

- to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in Arnold and it's surrounding locality.

New Clause:

The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development, in Arnold and it's surrounding locality.

The reason for this change is that in the past, U3A's, including Arnold, divided our finances into charitable and non charitable activities and only reported the former to the Charity Commission. The advice now is that all activity carried out by a U3A **must** be charitable and within the Charitable Purposes clause in its constitution. In future all finance relating to all U3A activities will be included in our accounts and presented to the members at our AGM and to the Charity Commission.

A vote was taken. **It was unanimously agreed to adopt this clause.**

9. Motions from the floor:

None received.

10. Retiring Committee Members:

Rosie thanked the following committee members, who are stepping down this year, for their hard work during their terms of office, and presented them with a small gift of appreciation.

Marie Bell. Sue Hillary. June James Barrett. Marion Smalley.

11. Hand over of Chairman's Badge of Office:

Rosie's final duty as Chair was to formally hand over the Badge of Office to Neil Hunt. Neil thanked Rosie and wanted to acknowledge her great contribution over many years to the work she has put into making Arnold U3A such a success. He acknowledged the unenviable task of following in her footsteps and presented her with flowers and a small gift. Neil passed on the Badge of Vice Chair to Peter Hewitt.

12. AGM closed at 2.30 p.m.

13. Vote on Nominated Charities:

Voting took place on the following nominated charities. The final count will be announced by Gloria in the April newsletter, to allow time for postal votes to be included.

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| Nottingham City Hospital League of Friend's. | 13 |
| Maggie's | 89 |
| Emmanuel House | 31 |
| Arnold Food Bank | 17 |
| RNLI Royal National Lifeboat Institution. | 25 |