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Shaftesbury & Gillingham

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shaftesbury & Gillingham U3A held on 9th November 2023 at New Remembrance (Village) Hall, Charlton, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, SP7 OPL

1. **PRESENT:** 65 persons were present all members of SGU3A (list of attendees with the secretary)

APOLOGIES Received from Joan Stewart, Jennifer Day, Janet & Bill McIntyre.

2. **MINUTES of the LAST AGM** held on 3rd November 2022, made available prior to the meeting. Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by Steve Hales and seconded by Roger Lester. Proposal accepted by all present.

3. **CHAIRMAN`S REPORT:**

It is hard to realise that this is now our second year at Charlton! After the rather nomadic 2021-22, we seem to have found a more permanent perch! Numbers at our monthly meetings seem to remain fairly constant, and I hope members are now more used to producing their membership cards for scanning when arriving!

We have also invested in a sound system which hopefully should have overcome some of the teething problems we had in the last year. Our thanks to Richard Gibson for organizing this, and getting a good deal pricewise!

As ever, we have Libby Hague Holmes to thank for organizing a variety of speakers on a wide and varied diet of topics, and for standing in for me when I have been away.

We are seeing more groups forming or re-forming, but are sad to see that the trips organiser has had to step back for personal reasons, and so far no one has come forward to take this on.

We have welcomed Anita Keogh as the new editor of "In Touch", and she has introduced a revamp of its appearance.

Sadly we have lost a former committee member and group leader, Paul Robinson. Alan Larcombe and Hamish Bell who have given sterling service to the branch have decided that anno domini means that they can no longer get to meetings. Our thanks to them for their service over the years.

This is my last year as chairman, and I would like to thank most sincerely all the committee for their hard work, ideas and support over the last 3 years. I would also like to thank you, the membership for supporting the branch. Without you we would not exist!

4. **TREASURERS REPORT:** The accounts for Aug 2022/July2023 were published prior to the meeting and then displayed to those present. Peter Hurst, the treasurer, highlighted the main

details of the last three years and indicated that we are still in a healthy position and have not needed to increase annual fees (remaining at £10pa) once again. There were no queries.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Margaret Hale, and seconded by Mary O'Sullivan. This was unanimously approved

6. ELECTION OF ACCOUNT EXAMINER Nic Griffin has volunteered to be the examiner for 2023/24 year's accounts.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE The following members have agreed to carry on as committee members, Libby Hague-Holmes, Roger Laidler, Peter Grange, Barbara Hurst Helen Warley & Peter Hurst. In addition proposal forms have been received for Anita Keogh (previously co-opted) and Anne Jefferies. The proposal to elect all these members was put forward by Lesley Frost and seconded by Steve Hale. This was unanimously approved.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Peter Grange stated that this was the last day for those people, who had not paid this years' membership fee, to re-join.

(ii) The secretary, Roger Laidler, presented a voucher to the retiring Chairman, Liz Greenway with thanks for all her work over the last three years.

11. CLOSE of MEETING. The meeting closed at 10.55 am.