



Shaftesbury & Gillingham

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shaftesbury & Gillingham u3a held on 7th November 2024 at New Remembrance Hall, Charlton, Shaftesbury, SP7 0PL

PRESENT: 87 persons were present all members of SGU3A

1. APOLOGIES

None received

2. MINUTES of the AGM held on 9th November 2023

The minutes were made available prior to the meeting via the website. Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by Anne Marsh and seconded by Libby Hague-Holmes and unanimously agreed.

3. CHAIRMAN's REPORT

It was a great honour to be elected chairman a year ago and the year has gone by very quickly with plenty of action within our organisation. In August we celebrated 25 years of sgu3a with a lovely lunch at the Rushmore Golf Club and it is very pleasing to be able to carry on with all the activities started by a small group of people all those years ago.

Our membership remains steady around 330 to 340 people and groups have increased from 31 to 35 in the last year. We have had 11 excellent monthly speakers here in this hall at Charlton.

We would not be able to exist without my fellow committee members who have put in a lot of work in keeping us going.

We have groups organiser and part time secretary Barbara Hurst, who continually finds new avenues for groups, the core network of u3a;

Peter Hurst, treasurer, an excellent controller of our finances;

Peter Grange, who not only keeps a tight grip on membership, but this year has also arranged and completed the changeover of our website;

Anne Jefferies, who has worked hard on publicity and is now standing down, and we do thank her for the input she has made;

Helen Warley, who has continued in her role to advise and welcome new members on a monthly basis;

Anita Adams, who took on the "In touch" newsletter a year ago and has done an excellent job in keeping it as a lively informative monthly document;

And, finally, Libby Hague Holmes, vice chairman and speaker organiser. The quality of speakers has always been excellent and for this we must thank Libby for all the coordinating & arranging she has carried out.

Many thanks must go to our superb group leaders, without them sgu3a would not exist.

Finally thank you to all members who continue to maintain a very lively and happy organisation.

Roger Laidler

4. TREASURERS REPORT:

The accounts for Aug 2023/July 2024 were published on the website prior to the meeting and the Treasurer, Peter Hurst, presented a summary:

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Accounts for year to 31st July 2024

Income	2024	2023	2022
Subscriptions	3530	3301	3133
Monthly Meeting	1234	1076	986
Gift Aid refund	374	433	385
Total	5138	4810	4504

Expenses	2024	2023	2022
Speakers	824	920	785
Monthly meeting costs	732	897	1029
Groups and Trips	134		
Third Age Cap and Ins	1450	1411	1346
Equipment	761	2370	
"In Touch"	249	149	316
Admin and postage	184	245	220
Copyright license fee			120
Beacon U3A admin s/w	329	295	307
Total	4663	6287	4123
Surplus (loss)	475	-1477	381

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Brought forward Balances	2092	3569	3188
Annual Surplus (loss)	475	-1477	381
Balance at Year End	2567	2092	3569

Represented by	2024	2023	2022
Bank balances and cash	5779	3722	8976
Subscriptions in advance	-763	-127	-1233
Group and event balances	-919	-1343	-802
Summer trip	0	-60	-2400
Summer meal deposits	-1530	-100	-972
Balance at Year End	2567	2092	3569

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Group Balances as at 31/07/2024	
General	312
Garden Interest	288
Genealogy	307
Art Appreciation	12
Total Group & Event balance	919

- i) A member asked why the Gift Aid reclaimed was reduced and the treasurer explained that fewer members were eligible.
- ii) Another question related to the £3 charge for hard copies of In Touch. The treasurer explained that this was to cover part of the cost of paper, print and postage, the remaining cost of which comes from reserves.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jennifer Day, and seconded by Margaret Hale, and unanimously approved

6. ELECTION OF ACCOUNT EXAMINER

Nic Griffin has volunteered to be the examiner for 2024/25 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, Anita Adams & Peter Hurst. The proposal to elect all these members was unanimously approved.

8. FURTHER NOMINATIONS

There were none. The posts of secretary and publicity promoter remain vacant.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY MEMBERS

There were none.

10. AOB

From the floor, Keith Aylen proposed a vote of thanks for the team who provide refreshments.

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