

MINUTES OF THE AGM - EPSOM & EWELL U3A

Monday 7th October 2024 at 10.30am - Bourne Hall, Ewell

Welcome

The Chair, Tony Skelton, welcomed all members to the 2024 AGM. A Health and Safety briefing was given in case of an emergency evacuation.

The meeting commenced at 10.30am and attendance was high, with 166 members joining us at Bourne Hall this year.

The Chair reminded members of the u3a Code of Conduct, whereby all members are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from several members, who had voted online.

Voting Results

Voting papers had been posted on the Epsom & Ewell u3a website again this year to allow members to complete online and AGM packs had been posted to 40 members not on the Internet. The results of the voting will remain on our website for 3 months from the date of the AGM.

The Chair presented the results of the voting.

Total votes cast: 324 out of 1124 members, ensuring our AGM was quorate. The breakdown of the voting is as follows:

Online: 320

Postal: 4

Online invalidated votes: 0

Duplicate votes: 0

To adopt the minutes of the AGM held on 2nd October 2023

The minutes from the 2023 AGM were posted on our website prior to the 2024 AGM to allow members to read and vote accordingly. Votes cast as follows:

For: 318 Against: 0 Abstentions: 6

To adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2024

Votes cast as follows:

For: 321 Against: 0 Abstentions: 3

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st July 2024

All reports had been posted on the Epsom & Ewell u3a website prior to the AGM.

Votes cast as follows:

For: 321 Against: 0 Abstentions: 3

Election of Officers

This year three members have volunteered to join the Committee. The positions have been previously posted and voted for on the website, therefore the members have been duly elected. Votes cast as follows:

Sybi Trowsdale – Chair	For: 317	Against: 2	Abstentions: 5
Rachel Raywood – Vice Chair	For: 315	Against: 0	Abstentions: 9
Pam Buckmaster – Membership Secretary	For: 319	Against: 0	Abstentions: 5

Both our Treasurer, Sue Skelton and Business Secretary, Fiona Bath, have offered to continue in their roles for a further year, after which the positions will be up for re-election. Votes cast as follows:

Sue Skelton – Treasurer	For: 322	Against: 0	Abstentions: 2
Fiona Bath – Business Secretary	For: 322	Against: 0	Abstentions: 2

Prior to the AGM, the Committee had agreed to create a new role (non-voting) of President, in order to support the incoming Chair for a period of one year. There was one nomination for this position. Votes cast as follows:

Tony Skelton – President	For: 315	Against: 0	Abstentions: 9
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Our Independent Examiner, Graham Penman, has volunteered his services for another year. Votes cast as follows:

Graham Penman – Independent Examiner	For: 319	Against: 0	Abstentions: 5
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Our thanks to all these members volunteering their services to support our U3a.

The Committee remains at 11no. members.

A.O.B

All questions raised had been published on the website, where they will remain for 3 months from the date of the AGM.

One question relating to bios of the new Committee members had already been addressed, with these members providing a brief description of their background and experience.

Some comments received have been congratulatory, which is very encouraging.

The Chair introduced both new and existing Committee members, thanking the latter for their hard work over the past year and providing a brief description of each role. He reiterated that Epsom & Ewell u3a was experiencing growth and was now in a stable condition.

The Chair then went on to thank the Social Committee, the RUGS team and a member, who often assists on the signing in desk at the monthly talks.

Finally, he thanked both Peta and Clive Hargreaves for their commitment over the past years, presenting them both with a small 'thank you' gift.

A member, a previous Chair, gave a personal speech to thank Tony Skelton for his hard work and vision for keeping Epsom & Ewell u3a going through quite turbulent times. (round of applause)

The Chair delivered his final speech and officially handed over to the incoming Chair, who proceeded with her introductory speech.

There being no further business, the outgoing Chair closed the meeting at 10.55am and advised that the AGM minutes would be available for viewing on the website, once approved by the Committee.

The meeting was followed by the monthly presentation '*Grace Darling and the Fine Art of saving lives at Sea*' – ably delivered by Dr. James Taylor.