

AGM Dawlish & District u3a, Manor House

20th September 2021, 2pm

Present: G.Stewart, G.Lipscomb, A. Whitehead (AW) J.Vick (JV), S.Angove, E.Follester, G.Umpleby, M.Appleby, D.Carlsin, S & B. Baker, M.Pickton, T.Leigh, M & P.Thorogood (PT) L.Bailes, K.Sherwin, J.Wilbraham, L.Vick, K&L Owen, Hinchcliffe, M&D.Brandon, B.Stuart, L.Goulding, M.Heyden,(MH) K.McCarthy,(KM) J.Pestridge, L.Smith, N. Auty, T.Penfould, S.Phillips, J.Robbins, J. Whitehead, G.Pestridge **Total 38**

1. **John Vick (JV Chair)** Welcomed everyone
2. **Minutes of Meeting 21st Sept 2020.** Accepted as accurate. There were no matters arising.
3. **Trustees report** has already been sent out. JV paid tribute to Graham Carey, the retiring Chair for work during lockdown, and offered special thanks to Patricia, newsletter; Anne, groups; Kate, membership; Michael, treasurer. JV outlined how the future of u3a had been discussed at committee. He asked that we all think about committee membership and new ideas for activity to build a strong Dawlish & District u3a.
4. **Vacant posts** on committee still need filling, we are now quorate with 6 members.
5. **Open Day** was very successful. 30 new members signed. Membership now stands at 140 and growing. There is a new meeting location opening, the church Community Centre, near Sainsbury's. Will be explored for feasibility. JV thanked committee and membership for their support throughout the year
6. **Accounts** MH talked to accounts already circulated. Reserve figure set £12/1300. He outlined how tapering membership fee worked as year progressed. The Open Day cost circa £1000, but costs had been met by generated income. Accounts for year were agreed, proposed by Steve Angove, Kerry Sherwin seconded. Carried unanimously.
7. **The following motion** was agreed for discussion at the AGM: ***'Inclusion is a core value of the Dawlish & District u3a and consequently it will not allow exclusion or restriction of any member from its groups or other activities on the basis of a member's sex, sexual orientation, gender or any other of the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.'***

JV explained background to motion. He read several emails from members, not present regarding the motion. A long varied, and passionate discussion took place. Various strong opinions were exchanged from those in favour and against. After three

quarters of an hour of discussion the chair felt that time had moved on, a comment from the floor suggested the meeting was going over the same issues again. A vote was called. Papers were circulated with the motion, with space to vote for or against. Vote was counted by 2 tellers and independently scrutinised. Result. In Favour 12, against 17, ballot papers spoiled 4.

8. Election of officers.

Resignations from Steve and Patricia Angrove were accepted

Committee member proposals:-

Chairman. John Vick

Treasurer. Michael Heyden

Secretary Peter Thorogood

Membership Secretary. Kate McCarthy

Groups coordinator at present (role review needed). Anne Whitehead

Barry Baker put his name forward as **member of committee.**

All unanimously accepted and voted to serve on committee

9. Appointment of independent examiner. Richard Hinchliffe

10. JV thanked everyone for attention attendance and patience, and declared meeting closed at 3.34pm.

JV Welcomed the guest speaker. Regional U3a SW. Susan Parker. She gave us insight into activity behind the scenes at u3a regional office, and work to review the work of the u3a cross the country, and encouraged members to make their contribution by participating in a number of initiatives.

Pete Thorogood

Secretary

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