

CROYDON u3a

Minutes of the 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 2.15pm on Wednesday 9th October 2024

Elected Committee members present: Jenny Wilson, Paul Smith, Joy Ellery, Margaret Chan, Trisha Holmes, Margaret Green, Cliff Brett, Linda Grigsby, Averil Coutinho, Steve May, Andy Beaumont, Sheree Yapp-Davis.

Apologies for Absence: Graham Cluer; Margaret Ferrier; Rosemary Hammick; Pat Ranstead; Cariss Smith; Margaret Taverna.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair

- a. Jenny Wilson opened the meeting by welcoming all members and highlighted that Croydon u3a is one of the most established u3as in the country.

A short presentation was given by members of the Croydon Neighbourhood Watch Team.

The formal Business of the AGM then took place.

2. Explanation of the Voting Process by the Business Secretary

- a. Jenny Wilson handed over to Trisha Holmes – Business Secretary
- b. Trisha Holmes stated that the papers for this AGM had been circulated ahead of this meeting in line with the requirements of the Constitution.
- c. Trisha Holmes explained that only those present who are fully paid-up members of Croydon u3a would be able to vote at this AGM.
- d. Trisha Holmes reminded the meeting of the Croydon u3a Constitution re the make-up of the Committee being a maximum of 12 places with members being elected for a three-year term of office. The Committee can co-opt additional members for one year to bring the Committee up to 12 people if not enough are elected at an AGM.
- e. Trisha Holmes stated that 3 of the Committee were standing down at this AGM but two nominations had been received.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Trisha Holmes stated that Croydon u3a had 664 paid up members and that the meeting was quorate.

a. Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 37th AGM were presented to the meeting. The meeting voted acceptance of the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

b. Chair's Report for the Year 2023-2024

The Chair's Report had been circulated earlier with the AGM papers.

Jenny Wilson gave a short presentation highlighting the main threads of her report. She concluded by thanking all the volunteers who support the Croydon u3a Committee. In turn Maggie Chan thanked Jenny Wilson for all her hard work on behalf of Croydon u3a. The report was accepted.

c. Treasurer's Financial Report and Accounts for the Year 2023-2024

The Treasurer, Paul Smith, presented his Report for the year to 31 July 2024 and commented that the accounts were in good order. Due to this there was not to be an increase in membership fee for 2024/2025.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that to save costs no membership cards were being issued this financial year.

The Treasurer was questioned about the Travel Team income and expenditure listed on the Profit and Loss Account. Paul Smith explained this was a "Restricted Fund" as listed on the Balance Sheet and its funds could only be used in regards to the Travel Team outings and short breaks.

The Financial Report was accepted by the meeting.

The Treasurer proposed that the existing Independent Examiner (Peter Cload) should be appointed for the new financial year ending 31 July 2025.

The appointment was accepted by the meeting.

d. Election of Principal Officers

Trisha Holmes explained that the Constitution states Officers and Committee Members are elected for a three-year period. Therefore, it was not required for the existing members of the Committee who were elected at prior AGMs to be re-elected.

Those not requiring re-election: Jenny Wilson, Joy Ellery, Paul Smith, Trisha Holmes, Margaret Chan, Steve May, Sheree Yapp-Davis, Cliff Brett, Linda Grigsby

e. Election of Management Committee Members

Trisha Holmes stated that two nominations had been received to stand for election to the Committee.

NAME	Proposed	Seconded
Fenella Cardwell	Jenny Wilson	Margaret Chan
Karen Hook	Linda Grigsby	Averil Coutinho

Both were elected to the Committee

f. Any Other Business

The Chair, Jenny Wilson, thanked the three retiring Committee members. There was no other business.

g. Close of Annual General Meeting

The Chair thanked Trisha Holmes for the running of the Annual General Meeting, and David Apps for taking the Minutes of the AGM. Jenny Wilson thanked Members for attending this Annual General Meeting. The AGM closed at 15:10