

TUNBRIDGE WELLS U3A

Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held Thursday 18 June 2020 at 2.30pm virtually via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman, Sue Brimlow, welcomed members to the meeting. The meeting was attended virtually by 140 people and therefore quorate. She explained how the meeting would be managed, how issues could be raised if required and advised that all voting would take place at the end of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Copies of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM had been distributed prior to the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Linda Bateup and seconded by Alison Grace.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Sue Brimlow, read out her Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and which also appears on the website. She was now handing over the role of Chair.

She divided her report into two sections – before Covid-19 and after. She outlined how the membership had grown and all the new groups, activities, seminars, outings and short breaks that had taken place before March 2020. She acknowledged the help that so many members had given – whether with outings, events or as Group Contacts.

She also reported on the changes in the management committee and acknowledge that contributions of Jan Sumner and Wendy Maher who have now left the Committee. Eryll Fabian will now take over as Chair, Fiona Findlay as Secretary, Lindsay Hasell as Groups Co-ordinator and Bridget Sands as Editor of the Newsletter.

She outlined the changes that had taken place since the lockdown and how TWU3A had made available 2 Zoom licences and had also assisted members on their own. Constant contact had been put in place.

5. Treasurer's report

David Brimlow had now completed his first year as Treasurer and had prepared a Statement of Accounts which was screened. The financial situation was basically very similar to the previous year. He felt the subscription level would remain the same in the coming year, although there

will be an increased cost in the use of Beacon.

He reported that the accounts had been signed off on 21 May by James Shah of Meakins Shah.

There were no questions

6. The Chairman to:

asked for a single vote to cover all three sections

a) to receive and approve the examined accounts for the year to 31 March 2020

b) to give a vote of thanks to the Independent Examiner

c) to approve the independent Examiner for 2020-2021

This was proposed by Marilyn Smart and seconded by Elaine Royal.

7. Election of Officers/Trustees

There was a requirement for the election of 2 Officers and 2 additional Trustees. Photos of those being elected were put on the screen. Sue Brimlow read out the nominations for these posts as follows:

Chairman Eryll Fabian

proposed by **Thomas Guy** and
seconded by **Anne Guy**

Hon Secretary Fiona Findlay

proposed by **Di Brown** and
seconded by **Fran Bennett**

Groups Co-ordinator Lindsay Hasell

proposed by **Christine Dove** and
seconded by **Valerie Kitchingham**

Newsletter Editor Bridget Sands

proposed by **Ruth Johnson** and
seconded by **Gillian Anderson**

8. Voting on items 2, 6 and 7

Details of the items to be voted on were put on the screen and attendees could tick the required box. All 3 items were voted unanimously.

Eryll Fabian as newly elected Chair thanked the Committee members whose terms of office had now ended and in particular thanked Sue Brimlow for all her tireless hard work and contribution as a very successful Chair. She will be greatly missed and a hard act to follow.

The next AGM will be held on 17 June 2021