

**Minutes of Edenbridge U3A Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday, 30 July 2019 at Crockham Hall Village Hall**

1. Apologies for Absence

Jacky Hintze, Angela Hill, Maureen Burdock, Briar Blake and Diana Brown.

2. Chairman's Report

Mike Collins (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the 6th AGM and thanked all for attending. He reminded us how we had grown significantly over the years and our membership at the end of our last financial year stood at 243 and the number of groups had grown too. He highlighted the following:

- Christine Byrne, our Vice Chair and Publicity Secretary is standing down from the Committee. She was thanked for her hard work and presented with a bouquet of flowers
- Caryl Hayes had been appointed as Social Secretary and also manages the team which puts on refreshments at the monthly meetings
- Paddy Jennings took over as Speaker Co-ordinator in July 2018 and has done a great job of providing a variety of entertaining speakers at the monthly meetings
- Paul Dashwood had taken over as Website and IT Co-ordinator in July 2018, but had sadly died
- Sue Farrell has now taken over as Website Co-ordinator and has done a splendid job in developing and launching our new website

Mike also mentioned the 2018 Christmas party where we had tried a different format (speaker followed by tea and cake) and reported that we look forward to another enjoyable party this year.

3. Approval of the 5th Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2018 were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts for 2018/2019

Peter Welch (Treasurer) reported that the finances were in a very healthy state. In particular, he stated:

Income carried forward from 2017/2018 was £4,866.83
Membership subscriptions for 2018/2019 were £4,367.50
Overall income for 2018/2019 was £9,409.47

Bob Hart proposed the approval of the accounts for 2018/2019 and Pam Dotter seconded. All were in favour.

5. Appointment of Financial Adviser

All were in favour of the appointment of Joanna Unsworth FCCA as our financial adviser.

6. Nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary

Mike reported that the constitution provides for a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary and up to eight more executive members. Mike stood aside and Colin Fairman took the vote for the Chairman which was agreed by all.

Mike then resumed as Chairman and it was proposed that

Peter Welch be reappointed as Treasurer

Cathy Booth be reappointed as Minutes Secretary

This was duly seconded and passed by all. The position of Vice Chairman will remain vacant for the time being.

7. Nominations for the Remaining Executive Members

It was proposed that the remaining Executive Committee Members be re-elected, namely Estelle Barling, Colin Fairman, Brian Swift, and Lynn Swift. This was proposed by Caryl Hayes and seconded by Christine Byrne. All were in favour.

8. Annual Subscription Rates for 2019/2020

It was proposed that the rates for 2019/2020 remain unchanged i.e. £20 for an individual, £35 for a couple and £16.50 for anyone who is a member of another U3A. This was proposed by Bob Hart and seconded by Rex Gascoyne. All were in favour.

9. Any other business

Jan Chart asked a question as to when a member from another U3A had to pay to join the Edenbridge U3A in order to join a group led by Edenbridge U3A. Lynn Swift explained that there was an agreement between the Edenbridge, Knole, Westerham and Sevenoaks U3A groups so that if a particular group needed more members this would be offered to members of Knole, Westerham, Sevenoaks and Edenbridge in the first instance without the need for the individual to join that U3A branch. Anyone from another U3A group (not Edenbridge, Knole, Westerham or Sevenoaks) would be required to pay the additional membership fee before they could join a group led by one of these branches.