



Registered charity 1079444

u3a Dunstable  
Minutes of the 2025 AGM Meeting  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 & 26<sup>th</sup> AGM  
In the Methodist Church

Frank Shaw, Chair opened the 2025 AGM at 2pm.

### **1 – Check meeting is quorate & Introduction of Tellers**

Meeting was declared quorate with 138 members present. Tellers were requested by the Chair and Bernie Naughton, Chris Bates, Peter Edgar & Peter Tasker volunteered.

### **2 – Apologies for absence were received from the following members:**

Bob McGee, Gail Dance, Chris & Jenny Smith, Teresa Fountain, Brenda & Andrew Lazarus, Helen Fox, Karen Watkins, David Wright, Sally Clay, Sybil Hart, Barbara & Bob Bellamy.

### **3 – Approve the minutes of the Twenty Fifth (2024) Annual General Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

It was noted that a year date 2023 was incorrect and was amended to 2024 manually by the Chair.

The motion to approve was carried by a show of hands with none against and were duly signed by the Chair.

### **4 – Matters Arising**

It was noted that there were none.

### **5 – Chair's Address**

Has enjoyed his role during this past year.

The Trustees Annual Report has been circulated in the information pack previously.

Emphasised the number of members (800) and groups (82) with an annual membership of £15.

Monthly meetings are well attended as are the Social Group outings.

Group Activities are the core of the u3a and we have many strong groups with leaders running an interesting array of topics.

Recently gave a presentation to the Central Beds Council's Older Peoples Network highlighting the Dunstable u3a and the benefits it gives to its members.

Thanks were given to all his colleagues on the committee and everyone else, probably around 100, who do an amazing array of tasks to keep our u3a running.

Next year for the AGM, many officers and trustee roles will be required to be filled so recognising the need to broaden participation.

Sincere thanks to Bernie Naughton for her work in the production of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

## **6 – Trustees Annual Report 2024/2025**

The motion to accept this report was carried by a show of hands with no objections.

## **7 – Treasurer’s Report**

The accounts are in the form of Receipts and Payments as required by the Charity Commission.

Costs have increased this past year on average by 8%.

Lloyds bank will be closing its Dunstable branch in November this year with talk of a banking hub being set up. The date of the banking hub has not been given and maybe some time away. Deposits may be made at the post office and a paying in book will be supplied to group leaders.

Thanks given to all those who are emailing to inform the Treasurer of deposits made and not to put any documents through his personal letter box.

Thanks go to Edwina Byass, Christine Adams, Nick & Sue Porter for their assistance with problems balancing the accounts in Beacon.

## **7 - 2024/2025 Financial Report**

The accounts are awaiting examination by Hancock & Hastings.

The latest set of provisional updated accounts has been circulated to all members superseding the previous issue for acceptance at this stage.

Questions were received from the following members:

Janet Mardle queried the fact that 2 sets of accounts were circulated and asked why this occurred. The Treasurer explained that there were problems with their production and thanked Edwina Byass for her assistance with the production of the final set, Janet also queried the monies on the ‘Group Support’. Both Mike Dance and Edwina Byass explained these group funds.

Sally Clark stated that the accounts had not yet been examined and not been put to the members before the AGM. Therefore, the requirements had not been met. Frank Shaw acknowledged her comments and said that moving forward it may be necessary to hold an extra meeting to present the examined accounts as part of a future monthly meeting. The examined accounts must be sent to the Charity Commission before January **2026**.

Peter Tasker asked if it would be possible, given the amount of monies held, that transport assistance be provided for those members who cannot attend monthly meetings. This will be given

consideration by the committee in the future. The Chair commented that members do already help each other.

He also asked if the Treasurer had thought about putting some of the monies in a deposit account and was informed that this had already been done and shown in the accounts.

Brian Willis asked about bank transfers and said that he found it difficult to find details of the correct bank accounts in which to make payments.

Frank Shaw then asked if the members would give their approval to the provisional accounts provided at this stage. The motion was carried by a show of hands with 6 objections.

#### **8 - Election of Trustees**

Nick Porter - proposed by Sue Porter & seconded by Mike Dance.

Pat Boulton – proposed by Dot Hodder & seconded by Sue Porter

The motion was carried by a show of hands with no objections.

#### **9 - A proposal that the 2026/2027 Membership fees of Dunstable u3a be £15 per person per annum.**

The motion was carried by a show of hands.

#### **10 – There were no resolutions proposed by members.**

#### **11 – Any other urgent business can be accepted but only if it has been submitted in writing.**

None were received.

#### **12 - Vote of thanks.**

Given to all who help to keep Dunstable u3a going.

#### **13 – 2025 AGM declared closed at 14.52.**

#### **14 – Liz Higgins & the choir entertain.**

The choir gave a 20-minute performance that was well received. Liz Higgins gave thanks to Fred Thomas for playing the piano. Also, thanks given to Penny Tooth who will be passing on her administration role to Jan Rollings.

The Chair thanked the choir and all attendees, reminding them to give consideration to their participation in next year's meeting.