

Minutes of Chepstow U3A Annual General Meeting Held at the Drill Hall and by Zoom 5th March 2024

The chairs welcomed members to the meeting, explaining that the meeting would be held as a hybrid meeting with members at the Drill Hall and on Zoom. It was agreed that the meeting could be recorded, solely for the purpose of writing the minutes.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting were approved (140 votes to 0).

The joint chairs gave their report for the year 2023-24. They reminded members that the u3a is a place where members share knowledge, skills and interests, and learn for fun. Chepstow u3a has flourished over the last 35 years due to the work of the many committee members, conveners and other volunteers, and has now topped 1,000 members. Credit was given to the open day, website, Facebook and magazine for encouraging the new members who will be the lifeblood of the u3a.

Nicky and Shelagh highlighted the events of 2023, including Tuesday Live, coffee mornings, the quiz, the coronation concert, summer picnic, wine tasting and the Christmas craft fair and craft workshops. They paid tribute to the many individuals and teams that had contributed to the success of these events and the many other activities that the u3a depends on. Some of these people are standing down and are being replaced but this is a continuing process requiring new volunteers to step up.

Six committee members will reach the limit of their tenure next year and will need to be replaced. Job sharing has proved very successful, both in the committee and in the many committee support roles, and members were urged to consider joint applications for the various roles available. A Really Useful Group or 'RUG' has been inaugurated for members who can help on a one-off or occasional basis and help keep Chepstow u3a vibrant and active.

In 2024, the focus will be on groups. The convener support team ran a productive convener meeting and are working to address the issues raised, including oversubscribed groups and ensuring that new members can join the groups they want.

The treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2023. There was a small surplus for the year and with no new major spends planned, subscription income is expected to cover expenditure in 2024-25. The 2023 accounts were approved (141 votes to 0).

The following committee members were elected (140 votes to 0):

Position	Name	Responsibilities
Chair	Shelagh Davies	
Chair	Nicky Lee	
Treasurer	Rob Davies	Group funds
Vice Treasurer	Brian Marshall	Main Account
	Laraine Golding	Membership
	Sandra Gregory	Assistant Membership
	Jenny Channing	Convener Support
	Pam Harrison	Convener Support
	Angela Le Fevre	Social Support

Tony Wilson was re-appointed as Independent Examiner of Accounts (140 votes to 0).

The chairman thanked everyone for attending at the Drill Hall and on Zoom or voting by proxy. The meeting was closed and Zoltan Farkas entertained members with a selection of guitar compositions.