

Minutes of Chepstow u3a Annual General Meeting

Held at the Drill Hall 4th March 2025

The chairs welcomed members to the meeting, noting that it will be their last as chairs. There were no nominations for the post of Chairman so the committee will need to maintain momentum whilst seeking a new Chairman.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved (179 votes to 0).

The joint chairs gave their report on the four years that they have been in office. Chepstow u3a has solid foundations with the systems and procedures developed by Derek Shottin and Hugh Hutton, enabling smooth running in the future. The committee members over the last four years, together with the many members supporting the committee, were thanked for their contributions. Chepstow u3a is a community of volunteers, with a collegiate and effective committee, promoting the basic principle of 'for the members, by the members'

Over the joint chairs' period of stewardship, the importance of teamwork was emphasised, with established teams for key functions providing a strong basis for a vibrant u3a. The website was renewed under a team led by Alison Broughton using Grontech, a local website developer, and is now a flagship marketing tool. A focus on social events has resulted in a series of regular activities creating a friendly community. Particular mention was made of the annual inter-group quiz; wine tasting evening; skittles and fish'n'chip evening; concert; summer picnic; coffee mornings, Christmas party; AwayDays trips; and the theatre visits.

Chepstow u3a is in good shape for the future, it enriches lives, keeps members mentally, physically and emotionally fit and has created a broad 'family' of members. Whilst the chairs have been the face of Chepstow u3a, the committee, group leaders and volunteers have kept the u3a running so successfully and the chairs expressed their thanks to them all.

The joint chairs got a warm round of applause in appreciation for their efforts over the last four years

The treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2024. There was a small surplus for the year and with no new major spends planned, subscription income is expected to cover expenditure in 2025-26. The 2024 accounts were unanimously approved (179 votes to 0).

In the absence of any nominations for the role of Chairman for 2025-26, nominations from the floor were sought but none were forthcoming.

The following committee members were elected (169 votes to 0 with 10 abstentions):

Position	Name	Responsibilities
Chair	?	
Secretary	Derek Shottin	
Treasurer	Rob Davies	Group funds
Vice Treasurer	Brian Marshall	Main Account
	Viv Davies	Membership Secretary
	Jenny Channing	Social and Coffee Morning Organiser

Rose Parkhouse	Group Support
Sue Harkins	Group Support
Cathy Lewis	Programme Organiser
Tony Wilson	Beacon
Angela LeFevre	Social Support

Tony Wilson (a different to the Tony Wilson above) was unanimously re-appointed as Independent Examiner of Accounts (179 votes to 0).

In the absence of a chairman, Rose Parkhouse thanked everyone for attending at the Drill Hall or voting by proxy and assured members that the committee would continue to do their best in the absence of a Chairman. She thanked Shelagh and Nicky for their efforts over the last four years and the meeting was closed.

After a short break for refreshments Cathy Lewis introduced Black-eyed Mog who provided the entertainment to finish off the afternoon.