



Malvern Branch Charity Reference number: 1069591

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(delayed until February 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic)
TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 2 pm Via Zoom

Zoom Facilitator and Returning Officer for votes: Roger Hunt (Trustees Support)

E-Present: Sue Lamberton (Chair) and 170 Members

- 1: Chair's welcome to the Meeting.
Noted that the attendance was the highest in many years and well above the required quorum (75).
- 2: Apologies: none received.
- 3: Change to 2018 Constitution to allow an online AGM:
The motion, having been previously circulated, was introduced by, and proposed from, the Chair.
That the Constitution be amended to include the following in Clause 5.16:
'In normal circumstances the AGM is to be held in person at an accessible public venue, but in exceptional circumstances the Trustees may convene a virtual AGM, using appropriate electronic means, to allow due participation by Members. Such a virtual AGM will hold equivalent validity to an attended AGM.'
Agreed nem. con.
4. Approval of the previously circulated Minutes of the 2019 AGM:
Approved (148 in favour: 11 abstentions).
- 5: Reading and adoption of the Chair's Report, previously circulated.
The Chair read her Report and proposed its adoption
Agreed (161 in favour: 1 abstention)
- 6: Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement, previously circulated.
David Oliver read his Report and commented on the financial data.
Julia Elkington asked about what Malvern U3A received from its capitation fee paid to National U3a (currently £3.50 per Member). The Treasurer explained that this provided training and technical assistance to the Trustees. The Treasurer and the Chair noted that a key part of the fee went to meet legal liability insurance for Members and Trustees with respect to third parties.
The Chair proposed the Report and Financial Statement for adoption.
Agreed (166 in favour: 3 abstentions)
- 7: Membership Secretary's Report (not previously circulated)
Brenda Johnson noted that membership in 2019-20 had been 1735. A call in January 2021 for members to re-register without further subscription until August 2021 had 1165 positive responses to date. Noted that in a normal year, a little over 200 Members do not renew their paid membership. 28 new members had joined since September 2020.

- 8: Report on Groups' online activity.
Roger Hunt expressed his delight that so many groups had experimented with e-meetings. 40 groups are meeting via Zoom, 5 by other ways, and 7 were considering starting up electronically.
- 9: Adoption and approval of the Examiner for 2020-2021.
The Treasurer proposed the current Examiner, Christopher Boyd Limited
Agreed: (162 in favour: 8 abstentions)
- 10: Election of Principal Officers and Trustees
Prior to the meeting, nominations had been proposed (p) and seconded (s) for:
The Chair William (Bill) Culshaw [p. Jeff Thorogood, s. Brenda Johnson]
Secretary Richard Phillips [p. Brenda Johnson, s. Jeff Thorogood]
Treasurer David Oliver [p. Linda Scott, s. John Elkington]
Bill Culshaw introduced himself to Members, but e-problems resulted in Richard Phillips not being able to introduce himself.
There being no other nominations, these nominees were offered to the meeting for election.
Elected (167 in favour: 1 against: 3 abstentions):
- Prior to the meeting, nominations had been proposed (p) and seconded (s) for the following Trustees:
Peter Corfield (Groups Co-ordinator) [p. Sue Lamberton, s. Roger Hunt]
Tessa Hartog (Newsletter editor) [p. Bill Culshaw, s. David Oliver]
Roger Hunt (Trustees Support) [p. Richard Phillips, s. Tessa Hartog]
Brenda Johnson (Membership Secretary) [p. Angie Cantrell, s. Linda Scott]
John Price (Equipment Co-ordinator) [p. Tessa Hartog, s. Bill Culshaw]
Linda Scott (New Members) [p. David Oliver, s. David Street]
David Street (Venues Co-ordinator) [p. John Price, s. Richard Phillips]
Jeff Thorogood (Speakers Organiser) [p. Roger Hunt, s. John Price]
There being no further nominations at the meeting, these nominees were offered to the meeting for election:
Elected (168 in favour: 1 abstention)
- 11: No other motions had been received before the meeting, hence no discussion.
- 12: Thanks to retiring Trustees.
Sue Lamberton offered warm thanks to all the retiring Trustees, with special thanks to John Elkington as web manager, who will retain this role, while ceasing to be a Trustee. It was noted that the retiring trustees had asked for any leaving gifts be converted into donations to the Malvern Foodbank and this had been done. In closing her remarks, Sue urged Members to send any issues of concern to the Secretary for consideration at the next Trustee meeting.
- 13: Closure of the Meeting:
Bill Culshaw expressed his thanks to Roger Hunt and John Elkington for facilitating the meeting and the voting. He then offered his warmest thanks to Sue Lamberton for her careful guidance of Malvern U3A in more than three years as Chair, which included amendment of the Constitution and the problems arising from COVID-19.

The meeting closed at 2.53pm.

The 2021 AGM will be held on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

AGM Minutes of February 2021 Minutes **approved** at November 2021 AGM:
Bill Culshaw (chair) Richard T Phillips (Secretary)

Richard Phillips 30-11-2021