

BECCLES u3a 10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE & TIME	Weds 17.07.24 at 10.15am
PLACE	Beccles Public Hall, 6 Smallgate, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9AD
PRESENT	Chair – Pippa Holliday (PH)
MINUTES	Diane Dungate

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Copies of the Agenda, Treasurer's Report, Annual Trustees' Report and Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to all members by either email or post in advance of the meeting giving all members time to read and prepare questions.

4-digit numbers after specific names indicate their membership number.

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Item	Raised By	Comments
1 Apologies for Absence	GJ	<u>Executive Committee:</u> Julia Warnes 0545 / Sarah Emes 0433 <u>Membership:</u> Ian Smart 0770
2 Minutes of previous meeting 19.07.23 and matters arising	GJ	The minutes of last year's AGM (2023) had been posted on the Beccles U3A website for one year then resent by email or by post with this year's documents . <u>proposal: to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.</u> <i>prop by: Rosemary Kerridge 0316</i> <i>sec by: Ron French memb no 0603</i> <u>Approval by the membership of the minutes as a true record of the meeting</u> in favour: <i>for: 55</i> <i>against: 0</i> <i>abstentions: 0</i> The minutes having therefore been approved, were then signed by PH. <i>Matters Arising</i> <i>None</i>
3 Annual Report of the Trustees	GJ	This report was distributed to all members in advance of this meeting. BECCLES U3A AGM Weds 17.07.24 BEECCLES U3A TRUSTEE REPORT 2023/24 I am pleased to present the Trustee Report for 2023/2024 as the Chair. My full report has been circulated to you. Membership Membership has risen through year to 748 as of March 2024, including 142 new members. Our membership continues to grow and attract new members from quite a widespread area. Membership fees remain static for 2024. There has ben no increase since its inauguration in 2014. Electronic membership forms continue to prove popular with 296 people using this method about 30% of total membership. Communications through website, newsletters, Facebook for members, paper publications distributed around the town are an excellent reference point for all our news. Thanks to Angela Williams, Felicity Hillier, Graham Evans and the new IT support team. Thanks to the DIY group and Beccles Men's Shed, there is now a very smart noticeboard in the Waveney Centre and together with Noticeboard displays at meetings, both serve to keep members informed. Finance The Financial Year beginning 1 st April 2023 showed a balance of £19,578.73 being the total assets held in our bank accounts. Over the course of the Financial Year 2023/24, Beccles u3a showed a profit of £56.11 leaving a total balance of assets, as of 31 st March 2024 of £19,634.84. The monies will be available to cover the costs incurred during the running of the u3a

	<p>during this coming Financial Year. Not least of which will be the undertaking of our 10th Anniversary Celebrations in November.</p> <p>Hiring venues, supporting groups, paying capitation fees to Head Office, covering the costs of events and speaker fees are just some of the ways in which our funds are used. Gift Aid claims give a significant boost to our finances and in due course, I will be submitting our claim to HMRC for the previous Financial Year.</p> <p>Thanks to the valued support of all our members, Beccles u3a continues in a sound financial position.</p> <p>Thanks to Lacey Baxter who keeps track of Group Expenses.</p> <p>In the opinion of the Treasurer, the overall financial health of Beccles u3a is secure.</p> <p>Committee</p> <p>We want to encourage the setting up of new groups, to reflect the interests of an increased membership. This means that there is a need for more volunteers to come forward to help.</p> <p>We have welcomed several new committee members during the course of the last year namely:</p> <p>Penny Dack - Groups Support Graham Wilkinson - Groups Support Helen Smith - Groups Support Sarah Emes - Media</p> <p>And said goodbye to:</p> <p>Graham Jermyn (Vice Chair) Jo Howarth (Groups Support) Barbara Lyons (Groups Support) Felicity Hillier (Web Support)</p> <p>All of whom have done sterling work on the Committee and on your behalf. PH gave a vote of thanks to the retiring members.</p> <p>Events</p> <p>Irene Squirrell continues her relentless quest to organize a wide range of interesting trips. Some new ventures together with your old favourites. Please continue to support her as you have done for the last 10 years.</p> <p>Groups</p> <p>We now have 60 groups with several others in the pipeline for 2024/25. For these to take off we need someone to come forward to do the necessary admin work not necessarily to be the lead person in the group. (for the members by the members).</p> <p>The annual Convenors lunch was this year brought forward to June so that the Committee could elicit ideas from this group for 10th Anniversary celebrations. Many good ideas were forthcoming.</p> <p>Convenors are the lifeblood of the organization.</p> <p><i>Members, this is your organisation. Help shape it and make things happen.</i></p> <p>THANK YOU TO</p> <p>*Convenors, Co-Convenors and members who enable groups to function for the benefit of us all</p> <p>*Julia Warnes, Business Secretary; Lyn Wood, Treasurer; Carole Moore, Membership Secretary and Graham Evans and the IT Support Team.</p> <p>*Our Group Support Team, Penny Dack; Pauline Kettle, Helen Smith; Rosemary Kerridge; Graham Wilkinson.</p> <p>*Lizzie Wilson, Judy Lebank and their team who organize and facilitate refreshments at monthly meetings and other events.</p> <p>*Angela Williams who has overseen the website migration and continues to be involved with Facebook, although she was supposed to retire in March!</p> <p>*Graham Wilkinson, Gill Ryan and Rosemary Kerridge – our Meeters & Greeters at monthly meetings.</p> <p>*Irene Squirrell who organizes and manages all our trips which we know members greatly appreciate</p> <p>*Diane Dungate, our Minutes Secretary who produces excellent Committee minutes</p> <p>*Beccles Public Hall Management who are most flexible in helping us to operate in the Hall</p> <p>And finally to you, our members who support us in our work.</p> <p><i>Please remember we are all volunteers so, please come forward to do your bit in any way that you can.</i></p>
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		<p>Thank you Pippa Holliday Chair Beccles u3a June 2024</p>
<p>4 Treasurer's Report And Accounts</p>	<p>CM</p>	<p>BECLES U3A TREASURER'S REPORT Summary of receipts and payment for the period 01.04.23 - 31.03.24</p> <p>A copy of the Treasurer's Report produced by LW was distributed by both email and post to all members with time to read before today's meeting.</p> <p><u>Approval of the Treasurer's Report by the membership</u> <u>prop by:</u> Alec Hillier 0026 <u>sec by:</u> Ron French 0603 <i>in favour: unanimous</i> <i>against: 0</i> <i>abstention: 0</i></p> <p><i>questions arising</i> <i>i) from Alec Hillier 0026: Why do we have so much money in the account? It amounts to 1.5 year's expenditure? Do we really need it sitting there doing nothing?</i> <i>ans from CM on behalf of LW: We are working towards the celebrations for our 10th Anniversary this Nov, a special event for which the costs are as yet unknown but which will reduce the balance considerably; Groups are always welcome to apply for Group Grants and we'd also welcome any suggestions for the use of finances from members so please put your ideas forward.</i> <i>ii) from Alec Hillier 0026: How about a one year reduction on the membership renewal fee ?</i> <i>ans from CM on behalf of LW: Yes, membership fees are reviewed annually, the next being Jan 2025.</i></p>
<p>5 To Approve the Appointment / Continued Appointment of an Examiner of Accounts</p>	<p>GJ</p>	<p>The accounts for the year 2023/24 were carried out by Newman & Co, 7 Hungate, Beccles, NR34 9TT Newman & Co were accepted by the executive committee as Examiner of Accounts for Beccles u3a 2022/23</p> <p><u>Approval of Newman & Co as Examiner of Accounts by the membership</u> <u>Prop by:</u> Irene Curtiss (0267) <u>Sec by:</u> Kathleen Andrews (0019) <i>in favour: unanimous</i> <i>against: 0</i> <i>abstentions: 0</i></p>
<p>6 Election of Executive Committee Members</p>	<p>GJ</p>	<p>Officers of the Executive Committee 23/24 Chair - Pippa Holliday Vice Chair - vacancy Business Secretary - Julia Warnes Treasurer - Lyn Wood Membership Secretary - Carole Moore Programme Secretary - Pauline Kettless Accessibility & Equal Opportunities - Pippa Holliday IT Support - Graham Evans: Sarah Emes Groups Supports; Grps 1: Penny Dack Grps 2: Pauline Kettless Grps 3: Helen Smith Grps 4: Rosemary Kerridge Grps 5: Graham Wilkinson</p> <p><u>Proposal to approve the Officers of the Executive Committee</u> <i>prop by:</i> Netta Swallow (0003) <i>sec by:</i> Faith Darch (0150)</p> <p>Conclusion PH stated that we still need committee members. She outlined the meeting schedule and said each person would have a responsibility but it is not hard work, so asked</p>

		members to please consider it. Application forms are available online and in the foyer.
7 Constitutional Changes	GJ	None
8 Motions	GJ	None
9 AOB		None

**There being no other business, the Annual General Meeting ended at 10.38am.
It was followed by a talk delivered by Pat Aiker on The Silk Roads Of Uzbekistan**

END OF MINUTES

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