

**Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of West Wolds U3A
At the Festival Hall, Market Rasen on Thursday, 9th November 2023**

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Nadia Dawson, Janina Watkins, Pat Woodcock, Carole Sellars, Suzanne Barker, Marie Batty, Bryan Storey & Mandy Murphy.

2. The minutes of the 24th AGM held on 10 November 2022 were approved and Adopted by member vote. Proposed by Julia Francis and seconded by David Oliver; signed by Gail Dennis, Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

Gail Dennis the Chairman thanked all the Committee, Convenors and volunteers who helped to run the u3a over the past year. She touched on the various events we have had, but noted that word of mouth is still the most effective recruitment method. Next year will be our 25th Anniversary and we are lucky to still have some original members. However, we still need to attract more and younger retired too and ensure there are people willing to volunteer for the committee and to run the groups.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer thanked Val Wright for being our Examiner Of Accounts once again and a gift was presented. Valerie has agreed to perform this task for one further year.

Treasurer gave thanks to the Convenors for their help in keeping and submitting financial records so that the end of year accounts could be completed in time, and reassured members that it was unlikely any increase to membership would occur in the next 12 months. The introduction of a card reader has been helpful although a small percentage is lost in card fees.

Questions were invited from the membership regarding the accounts, and Sue Hannath asked 2 questions: There was a small loss against the Interest Groups. The Treasurer explained it was a timing issue where money taken in and going out did not tally with the end of year date. Secondly an explanation of what Beacon was, which was described as an online management system to run the U3A's membership, groups and finances. Members were then invited to accept the Financial Accounts; proposed by Steve McCarthy and seconded by Brian Ward, with all in agreement.

5. Election of WW U3A Committee

Three committee members are stepping down this year: Jane Lloyd who could not attend, Kathryn Wade & Gail Dennis. The Secretary thanked them on behalf of the committee and gave leaving gifts. The Chairman then introduced Dave Ebbage as a new member standing and the meeting was then asked to vote en bloc to elect the following members for Committee: Terry Francis, Sharon Rupp, Shirley Fuller, Gary Beighton, Ginny Beard, Sandra Dean and Dave Ebbage. A majority vote was recorded.

6. Election of Examiner of Accounts

The members supported Valerie Wright as examiner of our finances for 2023/24, who was again thanked for her work on the accounts. Proposed by Ruth Andrews and seconded by Sue Hannath.

7. Date of 2024 AGM

The date of the 26th AGM will be on 14th November 2024

Sharon Rupp – Business Secretary to West Wolds U3A - 9 November 2023

MINUTES SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD AGREED AT AGM:

PRINT NAME:

DATE: