

**Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of West Wolds U3A  
At the Festival Hall, Market Rasen on Thursday, 14th November 2024**

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that we are Quorate. **Apologies** were received from: Julia Radcliffe-Watts; Eileen Butler; Peter & Caroline Foster; Cassie Sawyer; Tom Howatt; John & Averil Coleman; Barbara Jackson; Sarah Woolley; Phillip & Ann Gill; Gail Dennis; Joan Fletcher, Cliff Dale & Elenor Birkett.

2. **The Minutes of the 25th AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved and Adopted by member vote.** Proposed by Paul Ettridge and Seconded by David Oliver; signed by Steve McCarthy Interim, Chairman.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

Steve McCarthy acknowledged the difficulties experienced earlier in the year when he stepped in as Interim Chairman. Throughout the year there has been an increase in interest groups and also membership, and our finances are in good shape. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year had delivered some special events, although flexibility had been adopted where it was not viable to run some of them.

He went on to thank the Committee individually as well as our many volunteers and group leaders who deserved the thanks of the membership for the hard work and commitment from all of them. Finally, Steve thanked the members for their support for the West Wolds u3a.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Terry Francis reminded members that the charity's funds are managed in line with our stated objectives and within the Charity Commission rules. He thanked the Group Leaders for submitting their end of year statements with supporting documents in good time. There was an error on the Statement of Accounts which was rectified and signed off by our Examiner of Accounts.

A budget for the year is set and monitored regularly, due to equipment it was necessary to replace printers and laptops. However the finances are in good shape with no change to membership and in fact the Associate membership fee has been dropped to £5. An online Membership form has been introduced to streamline renewals.

Members were then invited to accept the Financial Accounts; proposed by Gordon Jennings and seconded by Rob Tate, with all in agreement.

### **5. Election of WW U3A Committee**

Two committee members are stepping down this year: Dave Ebbage and Steve McCarthy. The Secretary thanked them on behalf of the committee and gave leaving gifts. The Chairman then asked all proposed Committee members to stand for the membership who were asked to vote en bloc to elect the following members for Committee: Terry Francis, Sharon Rupp, Gary Beighton, Ginny Beard, Nick Wilson, Kay Green & Cathy Whelan. Proposed by Steve Field and seconded by Brian Ward, a majority vote was recorded.

## **5. Election of Examiner of Accounts**

The chairman thanked Val Wright for being our Examiner of Accounts once again and a gift was presented. As Val is stepping down, Steve McCarthy volunteered to take on the role for 2024/25 and was proposed by Margaret Foster and seconded by Val Walsh with a majority vote.

## **6. Questions**

No questions were submitted in advance. Members were asked to email any questions arising to the Secretary.

**7.** The date of the 27th AGM will be on 13th November 2025

*Sharon Rupp* – Business Secretary to West Wolds U3A – 14th November 2024

MINUTES SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD AGREED AT AGM:

PRINT NAME:

DATE: