

Preston and District u3a
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 17th March 2022 at 1.45 pm
At St Cuthbert's

1. In Attendance	<p>Tony Cheetham (AJC) - Chair Pat Hastings (PH) - Vice Chair Margaret Jones (MJ) - Treasurer Barbara Long (BL) - Secretary Pat Green (PG) – Beacon Co-ordinator Peter Kitchen (PK) - Membership Secretary Sheila Finch (SF) - Members Representative Margaret Clark (MC) – Assistant Treasurer Ann Kenny (AK) – Group Co-ordinator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There was a total of 116 members in attendance.</p>
2. Apologies	Jo Betts, Liz Carr, Janice Bennett.
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3. Chairperson	<p>Tony started the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending the first live AGM since lockdown, which had been imposed a week before the 2019 AGM. Then Tony paused the meeting for a few moments so all present could reflect on the tragedy of the Ukraine crisis.</p> <p>Tony informed the members that 123 new members had enrolled since April 2021 and the membership now stood at 738.</p> <p>Tony introduced the committee and explained which role they occupied as some members were not aware of who the committee were and what they did.</p> <p>Tony thanked Margaret Jones who was now standing down as Treasurer, for her 8 years serving on the committee and Pat Green who was standing down from her current role as Beacon administrator for 3 years and previously 6 years as treasurer serving 9 years on the committee. They were also thanked for maintaining our very sound financial status over the past several years and during the difficult period of Lockdown. Both were also thanked for the huge support they had extended to Tony while serving on the committee.</p> <p>Tony then extended his thanks to Pat Green, Peter Kitchen and Barbara Long for all their hard work in setting up the electronic voting system. The benefits of this system had served us well during the pandemic but we would be returning to the normal system of voting in person at the AGM from March 2023.</p> <p>The following results were then read out:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voting Results - Preston and District u3a AGM 17th March 2022</p> <p>An invitation to vote was sent to all members who have an email address. The 48 members without email were sent an invitation via Royal Mail.</p> <p>169 members with email and 25 members without email responded giving a total of 194 replies. After the voting was closed Peter Kitchen and Pat Green collated the results that had been automatically generated in the presence of Tony Cheetham(Chair), Barbara Long (Secretary) and Margaret Jones (Treasurer).</p> <p>A show of hands was asked of the members present: Tel: &Postal</p> <p>Do you accept the 2021 AGM minutes? 108Yes 1 abstain 24 Yes 1 abstain</p> <p>Do you accept the 2021 Chair's report? 108 Yes 1 abstain 24Yes 1 abstain</p>

A total of **25** postal and telephone votes had been cast.

7 of these were present at the AGM and their votes were deducted from the total 116 members present.

The results from the individual questions in Agenda Item order were:

Result of 2022 Voting

	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes	% In Favour	% Against
Do you accept the Treasurer's Report?	190	0	4	194	98	0
Do you accept the Financial Accounts for the year-ended 31st December 2021?	191	0	3	194	98	0
Do you accept the re-appointment of Eric Fazackerley as examiner of the financial accounts?	192	0	2	194	99	0
Do you accept the appointment of Janet Nixon as Treasurer	193	0	1	194	99	0
Do you accept the appointment of Phil Harker as Beacon Administrator?	193	0	1	194	99	0
Do you accept the re-appointment of Peter Kitchen as Membership Secretary?	193	0	1	194	99	0
Do you accept the re-appointment of Ann Kenny as Interest Group Coordinator?	193	0	1	194	99	0
Do you accept the re-appointment of Margaret Clark as Assistant Treasurer?	193	0	1	194	99	0
Do you accept the re-appointment of Sheila Finch as members Representative?	193	0	1	194	99	0
Do you accept the resolution to reduce the required quorum at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings from 15% to 10% of the eligible membership?	179	6	9	194	92	3

Eric Fazackerley is appointed as examiner of the financial records.

Janet Nixon is appointed as Treasurer.

Phil Harker is appointed as Beacon Administrator.

Those members who were seeking re-election were all accepted and re-appointed.

The vote to reduce the required Quorum from 15% to 10% of the eligible membership for AGMs and Special General Meetings was accepted.

Congratulations were extended to all the candidates and to **all** the members who took the time to vote.

4.
Date/Time/Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date for the 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held on:

Thursday March 16th at 1.45 pm at Fulwood Free Methodist Church.

Tony then thanked all present and closed the meeting.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD.....

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