

**MINUTES OF EAST RENFREWSHIRE U3A AGM 2024
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2024
AT 2.00 P.M. IN BROOM CHURCH, NEWTON MEARNES**

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

MM welcomed members to the AGM and hoped that they had an opportunity to read the Annual Report and Accounts. As a registered charity we are obliged to prove to both our members and OSCR that we are fulfilling our aims.

The East Renfrewshire u3a is in a healthy position. The ethos of the u3a is about sharing hobbies and interests. We have over 80 groups covering a wide range of subjects.

One of the highlights of the year was our very successful HatWalk. A well deserved thanks was extended to all those involved in the organisation of this event.

Thanks was recorded to all members of the Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

2. MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 15TH JUNE, 2023

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM which have been available on the website were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

MM expressed concern about the number of members joining from the Barrhead area which stood at 8% of our membership. This is particularly disappointing given that East Renfrewshire u3a was started in Barrhead. We will continue to share the Barrhead and Broom venues for a further year.

4. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2023/24

AS reported that the Accounts had been posted on the website prior to the AGM and had been independently examined and approved

The surplus for the year was £1,267 last year we had a loss of £100.

Subscriptions remain at £24 of which approximately £8.50 goes to the Third Age Trust leaving around £15.50 for everything else.

In terms of costs, the main cost is for room hire. During the year costs were £9,901, only up slightly on last year's figure of £9724. However the current year's room hire costs will be significantly higher as most of the venues have increased costs substantially.

Chargeable room costs range from £3 per hour for small, subsidised rooms right up to £22 per hour. The most expensive being for church premises.

Sundries cover such things as printing, postage, domain name renewal, zoom licence etc.

The main bank balance at the year-end was £20,593.

As we still have significant reserves, assuming nothing untoward happens the subscriptions will remain at £24. We probably have enough reserves to last a few years without too much concern.

That sums up what happened last year.

As an aside we will most probably have much more of a deficit this year as room costs have risen so substantially and, at the moment, our membership has dropped to around 575 where it had reached the 600 mark previously.

MM advised that we had renewed equipment which would be reflected in next year's accounts.

There were no questions raised, thus the accounts were accepted.

5. **TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MILLER, CA, AS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2024/25**
Approval was granted for the re-appointment.

6. **ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE TRUSTEES FOR 2024/25**

MM advised that Avril McAllister had stepped down as Minute Secretary following two years' service and praised her professionalism throughout her term of office.

Lilias Dunlop also stood down as Speaker Organiser following three years' service. Thanks are due to Lilias for the many interesting speakers she organised for the monthly meetings.

Robert Humphreys was also standing down as one of the longest serving members, i.e. eight years of service. It was interesting to note

his Membership No. is 54 which illustrates that he was a member since the inception of East Renfrewshire u3a. Thanks was extended to Robert for his many years of service.

Standing for re-election are:-

Marbe McNeill	Chair
Susan Bulleid	Vice Chair
Mary Fyfe	Secretary
Ann Scott	Treasurer
Allison Kershaw	Groups Coordinator/Beacon
Roy Bryce	Membership Secretary/Webmaster
Shirley Thorogood	Hospitality Coordinator

During the year the undernoted were co-opted on to the Committee:

Harry Whiteside	Policy/Procedures Secretary
Fiona Smith	Speakers

Standing for election are:

William Martin	Technical Adviser/PAT Testing
Mairi Balfour	Minute Secretary

All elections were approved.

7. **FORMAL CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a conclusion at 14.20.

Signed

Date