

MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of HESWALL U3A

Held on Monday 22nd July 2024, 10:15 am at Heswall Hall, there were 164 members present.

1) Minutes of the AGM held on 27th November 2023 were received and approved by a show of hands

2) There were no matters arising from the minutes

3) Chair's Report. Jerry Playfer welcome members to the 15th Heswall U3A AGM. He thanked all members, group leaders and trustees for their support over the past year making Heswall U3A a very successful organization with a current membership is around 700.

Since the last AGM we have had very well supported Members meetings on the second Monday of the month and Speaker meetings on the 4th Monday of the month have regularly attracted capacity audiences.

We have around 50 interest groups and the range of activities we offer is staggering. All these draws on the experience of you, our members and your willingness to volunteer to contribute. Though these are often small groups we are stimulated to learn, form friendships and most important of all have a fun. Increasingly we are offering short courses and trips giving opportunities to have new experiences. By way of examples the newly formed Theatre visit group and Pickle Ball group.

Gerry mentioned he was encouraged to join the management committee as a new trustee last November and found himself as Chairman. The committee he joined could not have been kinder and more supportive. Heswall U3A is lucky to have a group of dedicated and experienced trustees all of whom give of their best to ensure that Heswall U3A continues to thrive. Coming in as chairman with a new eye Gerry hopes has been helpful. All organizations need change if they are to remain successful.

Being part of a fellowship, engaging in activities with others, seeking out new experiences and making new friends is a recipe for successful ageing. Heswall U3A offers us all the opportunities to enjoy and prosper in our post work lives and I look forward optimistically to our future success.

4) Treasurer's Report

a) Neil Jones, Treasurer, formally submitted the Treasurers Report including accounts for the 12 months to 31st March 2024 and thanked Mike Reddy for his role as Accounts Examiner (copies of the accounts were circulate to members at the AGM for information). There were no questions.

b) The accounts were accepted by a show of hands

5) Election of Trustee Committee

The following have agreed to be nominated until the next AGM: Alison Adlard, Ray Allen, Beryl Ashburner, Bill Ashburner, Simon Cooper, Lesley Dibben, Enid Grant, Neil Jones, Doug Maddock, Jerry Playfer & Duncan Rowley. As there were only 11 names listed there was no requirement for a ballot.

6) AOB. Gerry mentioned that Liz Stewardson has decided to stand down as Heswall U3A's Business Secretary after 14 years of diligent service. Liz has made a unique contribution as our Business Secretary. Gerry thanked her for all the hard work she has done over the years which has added to the success of Heswall U3A.

7) The planned date for the next AGM is Monday 28th July 2025