



**Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at the
Bulkington Village Centre**

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone, and confirmed the meeting was quorate with 47 members attending.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from: Odette Ristic, Rita Ison Jacques, Norma Hogg, Jane Dowsett, Ian Miskin, Brian May, Gina Monaghan, Pat Coyle, and Martin Ball.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting held on 17 May 2022, which had been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Anne Davis, Seconded by Di Cook, and agreed by all.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

Dave reported that the year for BNB u3a had been one of adjusting to a more normal society, with a new attitude to free association together. The fact that we can feel happy to meet others in person and in groups is demonstrated by the way that members stay for tea, biscuits and chats after every monthly meeting.

Our membership has dropped a little over the last 3 years and it is our goal this year to boost numbers, with a range of publicity leaflets, and posters in target areas and venues. To this end we are also trying to expand the number of groups and areas served by the BNB u3a.

Chairman's Report (cont)

That will be the focus of the new committee going forward.

Dave thanked the departing committee, members who have helped with the teas after meetings and the departing Speakers Sec, Bob, for all their efforts on behalf of the members.

He urged people to support the committee, by joining, starting new groups, or generally helping out where you can.

As Dave stood down as Chair and he asked for members to show their appreciation of the outgoing committee and those that help out every month.

6. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Accounts

The accounts for 2022- 2023 had been previously circulated, and a copy of the Independent Examiner's Report was available for inspection.

Paul stated that as can be seen BNB u3a is in a very comfortable position. Income and Expenditure had both increased over the previous year as a result of more participation within the Interest Groups.

Sue Dowdeswell asked why the TAT and TAM costs had increased, and Paul said this was because our membership had increased over the previous year – both costs are on a membership at 31 March basis. Sue also asked if there was any contingency for purchase of equipment (as none bought this year) and it was explained that as BNB u3a is in a very healthy position financially any expenditure for equipment was looked at on a need basis.

Julia Wallis asked why income/expenditure balance on some groups was negative and some positive. Paul and Dave explained that the BNB u3a ethos is for the benefit of its members, however many attended each Interest Group. If BNB u3a was not in such a healthy financial situation then costs would need to be looked at differently.

Acceptance of the Accounts: Proposed by Bob Hill, Seconded by Sue Dowdeswell, accepted by all.

7. **Appointment of Committee Members**

The following members had agreed to stand on Committee:

Richard Adams, proposed by Susan Adams, seconded by Ian Miskin

Dave Bell, proposed by Carole Bell, seconded by Martin Ball

Paul Davis, proposed by Brian May, seconded by Ian Miskin

Jane Dowsett, proposed by Sue Quittenton, Seconded by Anne Davis

Odette Ristic, proposed by Carole Bell, seconded by Brian May

Agreed that nominations be accepted en masse. Proposed by Pete Aldersley,
Seconded by Janette Bowns.

8. **Consideration of Motions**

No motions had been received.

9. **Any Other Business**

Kath Allton requested that all speakers be asked to use mikes at monthly meetings. It was difficult for some members seated further back to hear what was happening at the front. This was supported by Julia Wallis, who said it shouldn't be a request to use mikes but a necessity.

10. **Date of Next AGM**

Tuesday, 21 May 2024.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting.