

## **CROYDON u3a**

### **Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at 2.15pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Elected Committee members present: Jenny Wilson, Paul Smith, Joy Ellery, Margaret Chan, Trisha Holmes, Linda Grigsby, Steve May, Fenella Cardwell, Karen Hook.

Apologies for Absence: Kerstin Beard, Chris Blackman, Averil Coutinho, Tim Davies, Jo Denvil, Margaret Derrick, Pamala Flouch, Lee Hancock, Hilary Hancock, Vanessa Holland, Darrielle Mayhead, Barbara Ogilvie, Marion Padgham, Jenny Parry, Camilla Piper, Margaret Taverna, Elizabeth Trout.

#### **1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair**

- a. Jenny Wilson opened the meeting by welcoming all members.

The formal Business of the AGM then took place.

#### **2. Explanation of the Voting Process by the Business Secretary**

- a. Jenny Wilson handed over to Trisha Holmes – Business Secretary
- b. Trisha Holmes stated that the papers for this AGM had been circulated ahead of this meeting in line with the requirements of the Constitution.
- c. Trisha Holmes explained that only those present who are fully paid-up members of Croydon u3a would be able to vote at this AGM.
- d. Trisha Holmes reminded the meeting of the Croydon u3a Constitution re the make-up of the Committee being a maximum of 12 places with members being elected for a three-year term of office. The Committee can co-opt additional members for one year to bring the Committee up to 12 people if not enough are elected at an AGM. There are 9 existing committee members and two nominations had been received.

#### **3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Trisha Holmes stated that Croydon u3a had 724 paid up members and that the meeting was quorate.

##### **a. Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 38th AGM were presented to the meeting. The meeting voted, by a show of hands, acceptance of the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

##### **b. Chair's Report for the Year 2023-2024**

The Chair's Report had been circulated earlier with the AGM papers.

Jenny Wilson read out her report. Jenny reminded those present that next year would be the 40<sup>th</sup> AGM and there would be a party! She concluded by thanking all the volunteers who support the Croydon u3a Committee. The report was accepted by the meeting, by a show of hands.

**c. Treasurer's Financial Report and Accounts for the Year 2024-2025**

The Treasurer, Paul Smith, presented his Report for the year to 31 July 2025 and commented that the accounts were in good order. Due to this there was not to be an increase in membership fee for 2025/2026.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that we have a healthy balance but in the coming year he was making additional expenditure by replacing old equipment, like projectors.

The Financial Report was accepted by the meeting, by a show of hands.

The Treasurer proposed that the existing Independent Examiner (Peter Cload) should be appointed for the new financial year ending 31 July 2026.

The appointment was accepted by the meeting, by a show of hands.

**d. Election of Principal Officers**

Trisha Holmes explained that the Constitution states Officers and Committee Members are elected for a three-year period. Therefore, it was not required for the existing members of the Committee who were elected at prior AGM's to be re-elected.

**e. Election of Management Committee Members**

Trisha Holmes stated that two nominations had been received to stand for election to the Committee.

| NAME        | Proposed      | Seconded      |
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| Anne Tanner | Trisha Holmes | Maggie Chan   |
| Angi Stagg  | David Milgate | Carol Milgate |

Both were elected to the Committee

**f. Any Other Business**

Sheila Szzvanowski thanked the Committee for all their work over the last year, which was endorsed by the members attending the AGM.

**g. Close of Annual General Meeting**

The Chair thanked Trisha Holmes for the running of the Annual General Meeting, and David Apps for taking the Minutes of the AGM. Jenny Wilson thanked Members for attending this Annual General Meeting. The AGM closed at 14:40