



**Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 15th October 2024
At Bulkington Community and Conference Center**

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and with 40 members present making the meeting quorate

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Janice Wright, Lucy Beale, Paul Johnstone, Lorraine Hoskins, Sue and Brian McCulloch, Colin Robinson, Rita Ison Jacques, Kay Aldersley and Sue Adams

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2023, which had been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Anne Davis, Seconded by Sue Dowdswell.

4. Matters Arising

It was clarified that TAM = Third age matters magazine, TAT = Third age trust

It was also noted that, as a result of comments made at the last meeting, speakers had been asked to use the microphone at all monthly meetings

5. Chairman's Report:

A copy of the chairman's report is attached

6. Treasurer's Report:

The Statement of accounts 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 were circulated.

Paul pointed out that although u3a nationally had increased the cost of both capitation and the magazine, BNB had decided not to increase membership costs.

Paul Dowdswell asked why the payment for subscription costs had gone down, Paul pointed that this was due to a reduction in members. The reason why gift aid had been more this financial year was due to claiming for previous unclaimed gift aid.

Art group 2 has now folded due to declining numbers and an increase in room hire at their venue.

Some of the groups generate more income as they are large groups which offsets some of the costs of other groups.

Acceptance of the accounts; Proposed Paul Dowdswell, seconded Neil Clarke

7. Appointment of Committee Members

The following members had agreed to stand on the committee;

Richard Adams Proposed by Sue Adams, seconded by Martin Bell

Jane Dowsett Proposed by Gary Dowsett, seconded by Stella Clarke

Paul Davis Proposed by Christopher Simpson, seconded by L J Boorman

Sue Quitterton Proposed by Anne Davis, seconded by Diane Cooke

Agreed that nominations be accepted en masse. Proposed by Ted Parsons, seconded by Lesley Davis

The constitution states that the committee should have at least 5 members. Richard said the committee met to discuss what was coming up with the local group and also what was happening nationally.

Richard appealed for any volunteers to join the Committee to make up the minimum numbers, and Dave Archer said he would join the committee, Richard agreed to send a nomination form and David would then be invited to join the committee.

8. Any Other Business:

There was discussion around the groups. The philosophy of u33a is very much that it is for the members by the members and 'experts' are not brought into lead the groups.

Dave Archer asked how people were informed of events. Richard said a recent survey had shown that around 30 people had asked for postal information, the rest received it electronically.

It was suggested that the group leaders were asked to provide a poster or information on their groups to advertise it to the wider membership.

It was asked if there could be a 'Meet and Greet' person to welcome new members at the meetings, Anne Davis said she would be happy to do this.

Sue Dowdswell has agreed to take over the tea rota from the new year.

Date of Next Annual General Meeting:

21st October 2025

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting