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Minutes of Hillingdon U3A Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 12th May 2025

Voter Numbers: 145 members attended in person, 25 attended via Zoom. Prior to the AGM 28 allocated their proxy vote to the chairman, and 3 people voted in favour of all proposed appointees.

The Chairman, Ann Lines, welcomed members to the AGM. The minutes of the last AGM had been published in the Newsletter to all members and those present agreed them to be an accurate record.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman then gave her report in which she said 2024/2025 has been a challenging and exciting year. Our membership numbers are currently 857 with electronic applications increasing.

We have had to make some difficult decisions to ensure we maintained a healthy financial position. Increases in costs, particularly hall hire and postage, led us to cease the provision of free diaries for group leaders, move to an electronic Newsletter, and cease the funding of Third Age Matters magazines to all our members.

More positively we now have an excellent website thanks to Tony Kemp and we look forward to our first new look Newsletter at the end of May. We continue to attract new members many of whom are already volunteering to help with various activities.

The Committee hosted a couple of informal events where members could come along and drill down into the detail of how we work and the different types of support we need and could be offered. Many of those attending were relatively new members.

We have over 80 Groups, and our primary aim is to have fun within a shared learning environment, exchange skills and knowledge in a social context. Our group leaders play a pivotal role and I would like to thank them all for their commitment. We held a Thank You Event for them on 16 January which was well attended and produced some good ideas and suggestions.

We played our part at several Hillingdon events, including the Eastcote House Summer picnic, the Ickenham Festival, and the Day of the Older Person, where we promoted the benefits of belonging to Hu3a. Judy Preddie and I met the Deputy Mayor earlier this year and we have leaflets publicising Hu3a in our libraries, local magazines, community centres and doctor's surgeries.

I have had great support from all our Committee Members over the past year and I would like to thank them all for their help and advice. I would also like to thank the IT Team for their support and guidance. They support our monthly meeting, look after SIMPLE, manage Zoom and generally keep us on the right path!

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for choosing to spend some of your precious leisure time with Hu3a.

Financial Report: The Financial report had been published in the Newsletter to all members, following which it was approved by the financial examiner. Although a copy of the approved report was not available at the AGM, it was approved by the members.

The Examiner of the Accounts, David Kiltie, was proposed to be the Examiner next year and as he is happy to continue to do this, he was duly elected by the members.

Election of the Committee: Ann Lines stood down as Chairman but will stay on the committee. There had been only one nomination for Chairman for next year, Judy Preddie, and the members elected her to that position. Other committee members were keeping their same posts. There were three new committee members, Alan Ginman, Roger King, Jasia Zimmerman. All committee members were called to stand so that members could see them and they were then elected en bloc.

N.B although not mentioned at the meeting, two members stood down from the committee this year: Pat McAlpine and Harvey Butnick. They are thanked for their time and hard work in support of our u3a.

Judy Preddie presented Ann Lines with honorary membership of Hu3a, in recognition of her time as Chairman.

Judy Preddie then thanked everyone for attending and there being no other business the AGM ended at 10.15am