Minutes of 14th Annual AGM of Shepton Mallet u3a

Held on

Thursday 27 November 2025
10:30 am
The Salvation Army Hall, Shepton Mallet

59 members attended out of a total of 169 members entitled to participate on13 November 2025.

Susan Parker and Marian Luck, Southwest representatives on the national u3a Council. were invited to attend as observers by the Committee.

The Ballot for the Election of Committee closed at 10.30. The votes were counted by David Newick, Chair of Street & Glastonbury and Linda Watson, Vice Chair of Street and Glastonbury u3a, overseen by Jane and Jim Morrison.

The meeting was Chaired by Janet Sherwin. The Minutes were taken by Liz Nash, Acting Secretary.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Anni Martin, Anne Parfitt, Mo Morgan and Liz and Malcolm Weeks.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes** of the AGM held 3 October 2024:

   Proposed by: Tina King, Seconded by: Sue Lord. Show of hands in favour of acceptance.

3. **Matters arising from those minutes:** None raised.

4. **Reports:**

   o Chair

   o Treasurer (presentation of accounts)

   o Group Leaders Co-ordinator.

   Reports were not read at the meeting, copies were available in the room and had been published on SMu3a website. Chair, Janet Sherwin read a personal statement in appreciation of Committee members who had left or who were retiring today.

5. **Items for consideration (ordinary business / proposals):**

   Proposal 1. Gift Policy reimbursement: proposed by Paul Hambleton, seconded by Carole Mullender.

   "It is proposed that the committee inform the membership of the total amount that has been reimbursed by the committee, in respect of monies spent on gifts to trustees and group leaders over the past 3 years. The purpose of which is to inform and reassure the membership that their subscriptions are being wisely spent."

   Neither Paul Hambleton or Carole Mullender attended the AGM meeting to propose or second this proposal.

   The Chair informed the meeting that a statement had been issued to the membership by email, on behalf of the present Committee, on 18 November 2025. No questions or disagreements were raised by the membership at that time or since, excepting one email message from the proposer on 19 November.

   Therefore, the proposal was not accepted.

<u>Proposal 2. Open Book Policy: proposed by Carole Mullender, seconded by Paul Hambleton.</u>

"It is proposed that SMu3a hold an "open book policy" whereby committee meetings are open to observers if they wish to attend and that all minutes from their meetings are posted on the website once signed off. This should include a summary of the financial position each month. The purpose is to involve and inform the membership of what is happening monthly."

Neither Carole Mullender or Paul Hambleton attended the AGM meeting to propose or second this proposal.

The Chair raised an amendment to Proposal 2, to allow the membership the opportunity to discuss this matter.

Amendment proposed by Janet Sherwin that:

"SMu3a members be permitted as observers, subject to conditions laid down by the Committee and that a summary of decisions taken at Committee meetings be published on the website."

Discussion followed and the Chair, JS proposed that the amendment be accepted, seconded by Jonathan Fowle. Show of hands indicated that the amendment was accepted by majority of the membership present, with 1 against. Amendment accepted to go forward.

As the amendment now replaced the original proposal, Chair JS proposed its adoption, seconded by Jonathan Fowle. Vote was taken: 45 in favour, 0 against and 4 abstentions.

This is now a formal resolution.

The existing Committee stood down prior to:

6. Election of Officers and ordinary trustees:

Name	Role	Votes FOR	Votes AGAINST	Abstain
Tina King	Chair	58	1	0
Sue Lord	Ordinary Trustee	53	0	6
Clare Champion	Ordinary Trustee	52	0	7
Janet Sherwin	Ordinary Trustee	56	1	2
Paul Roberts	Ordinary Trustee	49	2	8
Josh Hartley	Ordinary Trustee	55	0	4

7. Any other business (AOB) - There was no other business.

8. There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.25 a.m.

Signed and dated ……….