u3a Romsey Archway

AGM 2024

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**** APPROVED AT 8th AGM ON 10TH APRIL 2025****

MINUTES OF THE 7th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2024 at 2.15 pm
MAIN HALL, CROSFIELD HALL, ROMSEY

The Chair welcomed the members to the seventh Annual General Meeting of Romsey Archway u3a. There were 74 members present, and 6 visitors attended.

1. **Apologies for absence.**
   The Secretary reported that apologies had been received from 13 members, as follows: Roy Blake, Steve George, David Cheatham, Dinah Golding, Sally Hall, Bruce Marshall, Denise & Richard Maxwell, Janet Moody, Janet Milln, Kathy & Kevin Purkiss, Jackie Weston

2. **Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting held on 13th April 2023 (previously circulated).**
   The minutes of the 2023 Annual General meeting were approved as a correct record of last year's AGM. No comments had been raised by the members concerning the minutes (or any of the items on the agenda).

   Proposed: Judy Duncan Seconded: Ivor Demain

   UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by a show of hands.

3. **To receive the Annual Report & Accounts for 2023-24 from the Chairman (previously circulated).**
   The Chair gave a slide presentation of the highlights of the Annual Report & Accounts. The Chair confirmed that Romsey Archway u3a was in a favourable financial position with approx.. £7,725 held in the bank account. He invited members to ask any questions concerning the report but none were raised.

   The Chair commented on activities over the past year which had seen a 13% rise in membership. The number of interest groups had risen to 41 and it was hoped more would be created. 12 speaker meetings had been held covering a broad range of topics, and the new café style seating layout had been a success. Seven enjoyable social events had been organised by the committee throughout the year.

Archway members had donated £576 for the New Forest for Ukraine charity through the sale of craftwork.

A notable achievement had been the successful launch of the new Archway website, thanks to the tireless efforts of Richard Crowder and Ed Slattery, Members were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new website: https://romseyarchway.u3asite.uk/

4. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2024-25 (previously circulated).

The Chair expressed his thanks to the four outgoing committee members for their hard work and invaluable support. Janet Binns, Judy Duncan, Steve George and Marion Slattery had resigned and were thanked for their service to Romsey Archway u3a. The incoming committee was introduced, including the new Treasurer, Andrew Nicol.

All members of the 2024-25 Committee had been proposed and seconded by a Romsey Archway u3a member.

The Secretary called for a motion to approve the election of the new committee, as follows:

Officers:	
Chairman	Dave Green
Vice-Chairman	Andrew Bealing
Treasurer	Andrew Nicol
Secretary	Anita Barry

Committee:	
Groups' Co-ordinator	Margaret Bealing
Webmaster	Richard Crowder
Speaker's Secretary	Vacant
Social Secretary	Sue Keith
Membership Secretary	Heather Trim

Proposed: Richard Barry Seconded: Sue Trevithick

The 2024-25 Committee was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by a show of hands.

5. **Appointment of the Independent Reviewer for the accounts**.
The Secretary confirmed that Janet Binns had agreed to independently review the accounts. It was therefore proposed that Janet Binns be appointed as Independent Reviewer for the Romsey Archway u3a accounts for the year 2024-25.

Proposed: Barbara Vincent Seconded: Sue Edwards

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by a show of hands.

6. **Closing comments from the Chairman.**
The Chair thanked the committee for their continued support. He expressed his appreciation to the members for attending the AGM and looked forward to another successful year ahead. The guest speaker was introduced and the AGM was brought to a close at 2.40 pm.

Anita Barry
Secretary
11/04/24