Agenda

Annual General Meeting

of Llandrindod Wells And District u3a
to be held on Monday 13th March 2023
at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

1. Minutes of 2022 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 11th April 2022 have been on published on the website.

2. Matters arising

3. Chair's Report 2022 / 2023

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2023/24

6. Appointment of Auditor

Alun Thomas has audited the accounts for 2022/23

7. Any Other Business

To be notified to the secretary in advance of the meeting

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1. Minutes of 2021 AGM

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the 2021 AGM was held virtually on the 14th June 2021. This was published on the website and was circulated to members via the Chairman's Newsletter.

Approved: via show of hands.

2. Matters Arising From The AGM Minutes

There were no matters arising

3. Chair's Report

[Copy of Report available on the website]

4. Financial Statements

[Copy of Accounts available on the website]

Treasurer's Comments

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for 2021-2022 displayed to members on screen. She reported on the Income and Expenditure over the previous year and that the u3a was in a sound financial position. She recommended that there be no increase in the annual subscription.

The Treasurer drew the member's attention to the importance of claiming gift aid which contributed £750 into the funds during the financial year.

Following discussions on the proposal by the Metropole Hotel to raise the room hire charges by 25%, the Hotel management agreed to hold the previous room hire rates for the foreseeable future.

The interest account held in the London Bank has been transferred into the general u3a Lecturer account at HSBC, as we were receiving very little interest and the administration was prohibitive when the Treasurer and committee officers changed.

Auditor's Statement

[Copy of the statement is available on the website]

No comments or questions were received.

The accounts were approved unanimously

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members 2022-2023

Position	Candidate	Proposers
Chair	Karen Latham	Ann Morgan Alan Simcock
Vice Chairman	To Be Selected By Committee	
Treasurer	David Wright	Janice Horne Jan Willsher
Committee Secretary	Wendy Isle	Nelda Foster Jane Stevens
Membership Secretary	Janice Horne	Kathie Richards- Jones Mary Davies
Programme Secretary/ Webmaster	Nick Talbott	Fay Ramsden Wendy Isle
Committee Members	Royston Blunden	David Wright Val Blunden
	Robert (Bob) Wood	Will Francis Karen Latham
	Martha Wooldridge	Humphrey Morgan Phyllis May

These being the only nominations received there was no need for formal elections.

Special Advisors	
Borderlines	Margaret Wood
Interest Group Coordinator	Stephen Ashley
Other special advisors to be appointed by the committee as and when required	

6. Appointment of Auditor

Martin Nosworthy stepped down as auditor after 10 years service.

Alun Thomas was approved unanimously as auditor/examiner

7. Any Other Business

There being no AOB the meeting was closed.

Wendy Isle - Secretary

Karen Latham - Chair

Llandrindod Wells and District AGM
13th March 2023

Chairman's Report 2022 -2023

Introduction

Good morning and welcome to what is the 17th AGM for our u3a. I have been proud and privileged to serve as Chairman for the last three years. But it is now my time to hand over to a new Chair. How quickly time passes.

Founded in 2006, there are members of the inaugural committee and original membership of 40 in the audience today. They founded our learning organization and if they have attended 11 meetings a year I make that 187 speaker sessions, not to mention the hundreds of Interest Group sessions, providing the membership with literally thousands of hours of pleasurable activities, an unrivalled vehicle for friendships, fun and camaraderie over the years.

The original committee gave us a sound constitution that has never needed to be changed, although there was one addendum which we would appreciate back if anyone can find it.

Looking at the earliest Chairman's reports, they could be just a few lines long so I will try to keep mine to a few pages.

Membership

It is interesting to note that The Third Age Trust estimated u3as across the country lost approximately 20% of the membership during and after the COVID pandemic and some had to close as a result. So first my thanks to the membership who remain both loyal and dedicated to our survival. I can announce we are back to pre COVID levels of growth.

Currently we have 233 members. Over the year 23 members were lost or did not renew their membership for whatever reason, while 39 new members joined, at least 11 after attending taster sessions or coming along as visitors. Many new members comment on the friendliness of the welcome, and how much they enjoyed the speaker. I am aware we already have three new members for March. Welcome, long may we continue to grow.

Thanks must go to our highly organized efficient and welcoming Membership Secretary Janice Horne. No month goes by without changes to our register, TAM submission, new members packs issued and enquiries answered.

Interest Group Leaders

Described, justifiably as the backbone and life blood of the organization. We really can't do without the selfless, committed group leaders. The u3a has always been volunteer led and has the ethos of giving as well as receiving the group leaders do this in spades.

The committee held an event to get our interest group leaders together in November to thank them for all they do. Margaret's mince pies alone were worth turning up for. It was satisfying to see the room full and to receive such positive feedback from so many group leaders. Our members and leaders have such a wealth of talent, variety of interests. The commitment to your specialism and the social benefits such learning and engagement is not a statistic I can even guess at.

There are currently 25 interest groups of which 23 are active, 2 are currently slumbering while the travellers so restricted during COVID are restarting their adventurers; the Garden Visiting, Rail Riders and Charabanc Group with their trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo in 2022, now all armed with the Emergency contact cards.

This year has seen the establishment of three new groups; the Bridge Group, a Quilting Group and a Second Sunday Lunch Group. The information is all on the website and the Notice Board.

Heartfelt thanks to every group leader and those partners and friends who support them and of course to Steven Ashley our Interest Group Coordinator.

Welcomers and helpers
Fay I find your name as a key member as far back as records go, it is appropriate you are the first face at the door. Helen has also provided a welcome face for over 5years. I need to mention and thank Will and Mary for looking after our Notice Board and all those who have stepped in and stepped up when needed including Royston Blunden who stepped into the eighth place on the committee.

Programme of Speakers in 2022-2023
Here I must thank Martha Wooldridge for stepping in and introducing and thanking speakers on the two occasions I was unable to attend. Also for taking over the role of Press Secretary which had been vacant for some time I am so pleased she will remain on the committee.

The programme of speakers has been exceptional this year, hugely varied and stimulating, all given by knowledgeable and often highly entertaining speakers: *Japan to the Present Day*. I am still considering investing in that Japanese toilet just for the fun of it. The *Kinderstransport*, touched so many of us. *The Saxon Era*. *Birmingham Back to Backs*, we are asking the speaker back. *Dragon and Damsel Flies*, who knew there would be so many questions on that topic? *Building Llandrindod*, I still have not found the dragon on the roof tile Steven. *The Spaceguard Centre,* I sadly missed that talk, the feedback was excellent. *My Life at the Poles*, we ran out of time on that one. *Hill and Dale, my Shropshire year*, regretted not buying the book the photos were wonderful. And most recently the fascinating talk on the *Trail of the Welsh Cistercians*. I will be looking for those stone masons marks next time I visit Abbey Cwmhir.
You will all have different favourites.

Next year's programme is already completed and looks excellent.

Most speakers comment on the size of the audience, we average around 100 members attending per session, many have been most impressed with the engagement they receive and the lively questions afterwards which is more enjoyable for them.
Our thanks to Nick Talbott our Programme Secretary, for finding, liaising with and supporting all our speakers technically, before and during their presentations

Zoom goes from strength to strength with an increasing numbers of members using this method of accessing speaker talks, when they can't get to the meetings in person. Nick and Steven Ashley ensure those wanting to join receive the invitation before the meeting and are successfully connected. Any technical issues have long been ironed out. I will also mention here the improved technical equipment during the speakers' presentations which allows members to see and hear everything even when seated at the back of the room.

Website
We have a really good informative and easy to navigate website thanks to Nick. We are grateful to those group leaders trained to look after their own website pages and keep them up to date. For those who don't want the responsibility, Nick is always ready to support and input information, pictures and members contributions onto the website. His expertise is recognized at the Welsh

and even national level, where Nick is helping The Third Age Trust with the main national u3a website, need I say more.

Borderlines
Margaret and Bob Wood are doing a great job with Borderlines which is now well re-established. The quarterly issues are full of photographs, editorial and contributions from members all of which are appreciated and recorded for posterity, as hard copies go into Powys Archives and the Welsh National Library. So please keep the submissions coming.

Special Events
Christmas Meeting and Lunch
Held in the Metropole, the lunch orders were organized our end by Bob and Margaret supported by David and Wendy. The entertainment from the Singing for Fun Group as we came in. The sketch "panto" performance, who can forget those wigs? The quiz and entertainment after the lunch, the food and service not to mention the company of friends made for a most enjoyable day. The u3a Singers were also responsible for a lovely Christmas tree in Holy Trinity.

The Future
What could be improved? More involvement with other u3a's via networks? More take-up of online tutorials and involvement with the National Learning Centre? More contact with National Advisors?

Or staying "just as we are". That is down to you.

Our reputation is such that our u3a features in the local estate agent brochures as a reason for moving into the area.

You have a great committee all of whom get on with their respective roles in a dedicated and professional manner, and make committee meetings both productive and enjoyable. The work of Wendy Isles ensures the meetings take place, the Minutes and Agendas produced and most importantly actions and decisions recorded, followed up and implemented.

I will not say anything about our finances as David Wright will make his own report next. What I can say he has moved us into the 21st century, is keeping us on a legal and sound financial footing, with him as our Treasurer we are in very safe hands.

Thank you all for your support, understanding and the pleasure you have afforded me over the last three years.

I hand the Chair over to ……..with every confidence for the future.

Llandrindod Wells & District U3A
Receipts and Payments Account Year Ending 31st January 2023

2021-2022 £		2022-2023 £
	RECEIPTS	
£6,087.50	Members' Subscriptions	**£5,915.30**
£0.00	Day Visitors' Fees	
£750.00	Gift Aid Recovered	**£593.77**
£0.50	Interest	
£0.00	Sale of merchandise	**£6.00**
£1,926.00	Christmas Lunch	**£1,937.49**
£0.00	Miscellaneous	**£16.13**
£1,200.00	Edinburgh Tattoo	**£3,198.98**
£25.00	Events and Special Interest Groups (Net Receipts)	**£121.06**
£9,989.00	**Total Income**	**£11,788.73**
	PAYMENTS	
£814.00	Hire of Rooms	**£3,872.50**
£290.00	Lecturers' Fees	**£848.30**
£13.00	Hospitality	
£1,945.00	Christmas Lunch	**£1,938.00**
£500.50	U3A Trust Capitation	**£932.00**
£501.58	"Third Age Matters" Periodical	**£723.05**
£0.00	"Borderlines" Newsletter Printing	**£547.90**
£0.00	other U3A/sponsorship	**£70.00**
£1,200.00	Edinburgh Tattoo	**£3,183.68**
£0.00	Purchase of merchandise	
£0.00	May Day Medley	
£0.00	Gifts to retiring officers	**£131.98**
-£121.00	Other Printing Costs	**£161.01**
£0.00	Groups	**£148.93**
£0.00	Bank Charges	**£154.91**
	Administration	
£48.97	Secretary's Expenses	
£185.31	Treasurer's Expenses (incl audit fee)	**£50.00**
£73.20	Postage	
£256.90	Computer Services and website	**£239.32**
£10.45	miscellaneous cash for float	**£25.00**
£5,717.91	**Total Expenditure**	**£13,026.58**
£4,271.09	Net +Receipts/-Payments	**-£1,237.85**
	Opening Balance 1st February	**£11,159.75**
£4,271.09	**Closing Balance**	**£9,921.90**

	Balances held as	
£9,926.50	HSBC Lecture Account	**£9,921.90**
£963.25	HSBC Events Account	**£0.00**
£0.00	COIF Deposit Account	**£0.00**
£10,889.75		**£9,921.90**
	All funds are unrestricted	

Other Assets
laptop
digital projector
laminator
sound system
earphones
Liabilities

Llandrindod Wells U3A

Accounts for year ending 31st January 2023 Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Responsibilites and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act"). You have prepared the attached accounts on a receipts and payments basis and engaged me to undertake an independent examination of those accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no material concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A. Thomas

Alun Thomas

19 Irfon Road, Builth Wells

Date 6th March 2023