LLANDRINDOD & DISTRICT U3A
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024 AT 10.30am

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 13th March 2023

2. Matters arising from the minutes

3. Chairman's report 2023/4 (available on website)

4. Treasurer's report 2023/4 (available on website)

5. Election of Committee

6. Auditor's report 2023/4 (available on website)

7. Any other business (if any notified by 4th March 2024)

LLANDRINDOD WELLS & DISTRICT U3A
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 13th March 2023 at 10.30am in the Metropole Hotel

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 11th April 2022

The minutes of the AGM were approved. Proposed: Fay Ramsden. Seconded: Wyn Evans

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report 2022/23

A copy of the report is available on the website.

4. Treasurer's Report 2022/23

A copy of the financial statements for 2022/3 is available on the website.

The Treasurer reported a proposal to transfer our account to the Co-op Bank.
He has also introduced a card reader which is already proving a useful tool for the accounts as well as making things easier for members' payments. He acknowledged the help of the auditor in the preparation of the accounts.

Our accounting year runs to to end of January and we had £9,989 in the bank then. Our current (March) total is over £13,000.

The Treasurer reminded members of the value of Gift Aid: this year it amounted to £593 being paid to us which was a significant sum for a small organisation. It was however less than last year and he was investigating the reason for it. He asked all taxpayers to fill in a Gift Aid form even if they had done so last year and he would check all the forms to ensure there were no duplicates.

The accounts were duly approved. Proposed: Jane Stephens. Seconded: Jan Wilshire.

6. Confirmation of Officers

The new Committee was voted in en bloc:

Chairman: Roger Cumberland

Vice Chairman: Bob Wood

Treasurer: David Wright

Membership Secretary: Janice Horne

Secretary: Martha Wooldridge

Programme Secretary: Nick Talbot*

Groups Co-ordinator: Stephen Ashley

Members: Wendy Isle (Noticeboards)
Susie Cork
Co-opted member: Royston Blunden

Borderlines Editor: Margaret Wood

Press Secretary: Karen Latham

*Nick has completed the programme for 2023/4 and would like to stand down this year as soon as another Programme Secretary can be found. He will continue as Webmaster.

6. Auditor's Report 2022/23

The Auditor's Report is on the website.

Pat Howard was unanimously elected as Auditor for 2023/24. Proposed: Bob Atkins. Seconded: John Moorhouse

7. Any Other Business

No other business had been notified.

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Chairman's Report for 2023/2024

After all the disruption to our meetings caused by the COVID episode, it has been refreshing to return to a full round of meetings. We have been able to hold all 12 of our monthly meetings at the Metropole Hotel, each one with a speaker, organised by Nick Talbot. Thank you Nick for all your work in making the arrangements, including some last minute problems when a planned speaker was suddenly unavailable.

Speakers

While all the speakers were interesting, I must select the January 2024 topic as top of my list. The title was "The London Dams That Never Came To Wales". The talk was prepared by Richard Rees who owned a service garage at Llanwrda. Richard was incapacitated on the day and was thus accompanied by his neighbour Tony Birdwood who actually delivered the talk.

"The London Dams That Never Came To Wales" was a project put forward by the London County Council in 1885 proposing several new dams to be built in Mid Wales to supply water to London. One of these dams was on the river Irfon near Garth and another on the River Towy near Llandovery. From the map shown at the meeting you can see that much of Mid Wales would have been under water and life here would have been very different. After a huge amount of work the project was put before the House of Commons for approval but thrown out in March 1900 because of the huge costs involved. Mid Wales had a narrow escape!

"A Century of Popular Songs 1860 – 1960" Richard Churchley surprised most of us by producing an accordion and singing some of his most popular tunes from the last 100 years. We all very much enjoyed his performance and hope that we can persuade him to return.

"The Hereford Hoard" In May 2023, Tim Hoverd gave us a fascinating talk on the Hereford Hoard that was discovered in 2015, by two metal detectorists who had failed to get the landowner's permission and then only reported a small proportion of what was found. The two men had clearly carried out a great deal of research to establish a likely area to search and must surely have known that had they proceeded legally, (getting the landowner's permission and reporting what they had found) they would have been entitled to receive several million pounds for their efforts. As it is, they are now both serving long jail sentences and most of what they found has still not been recovered. Some 60 coins are now held in the Hereford Museum and plans are going ahead to have them put on display. As their value is said to be in excess of £3 million it is going to have to be a very secure display and thus the delay. Mr Hoverd has promised to advise us when the display is due to open.

All of our speakers were interesting, well received and form the main focus of our monthly meetings. Thank you again, Nick, for all your work in putting the year's programme together.

Membership

While other Charities have struggled after the ravages of COVID, our u3a has flourished. Our membership has increased from 233 to 252 at the year end.

Interest Groups

We currently have 22 interest groups operating with a further 7 looking for new group leaders. We always welcome new interest groups so if your interest doesn't yet have a group, please be brave and have a go at setting one up. Stephen Ashley is our Interest Group Co-ordinator and will be happy to provide you with assistance. What about a chess group anyone? Put me down to join if you form one!

Borderlines

Margaret and Bob Wood are continuing to do a great job with Borderlines and we just need as many of you as possible to keep coming forward with ideas. One that has just arisen is very sad really, and is that Barclays Bank in Builth Wells is about to close. The date set for closure is 6th March 2024, when we will also lose the cash machine. There will continue to be a cash machine at the Co-Op and money can be paid in at the Post Office, but it is still going to be a sad loss to Builth Wells.

Special Events

Our Christmas Lunch was again held at The Metropole and was well supported and well received. Our thanks to Bob and Margaret for getting it organised and to The Metropole and it's staff for providing us with good service and an excellent meal.

Finances

David Wright has continued his good work as our Treasurer, for which our thanks, David. He will be submitting his own report so I shan't go into any more detail.

Other Thank You's

A special thank you for me to Martha Wooldridge for agreeing to act as my secretary, for preparing agendas for our meetings and for giving me a nudge over matters that need to be raised. All very helpful.

Zoom & Website

The Zoom facility has proved to be very helpful in allowing those unable to attend a monthly meeting to still be able to listen and watch the talk. Our thanks to Nick and to John Moorhouse for making this possible and also to Nick and John for managing and updating our website. Nick's expertise continues to be recognised both at the Welsh and Naional level, where he is helping the Third Age Trust with a major website project providing websites for 700 u3as. We are lucky, indeed, to have Nick with us.

Our Committee

Our u3a could not function without a dedicated Committee, with each of the 8 members inputting their expertise. Finally, thanks to Bob for both his work on Borderlines and for acting as Vice Chairman when the need arises.

As I have only been a member of u3a for 2 years, the support and understanding offered to me in my first year as Chairman has been very much appreciated.

Regards to you all,

Roger Cumberland

Llandrindod Wells & District U3A

Receipts and Payments Year Ending January 31st 2024

2022-2023			
£		**RECEIPTS**	£
£5,915.30		**Members' Subscriptions**	**£6,021.30**
		Day Visitors' Fees	**£312.90**
£593.77		**Gift Aid Recovered**	**£796.92**
£0.00		**Interest**	**£0.00**
£6.00		**Sale of merchandise**	**£17.00**
£1,937.49		**Christmas Lunch**	**£1,915.00**
£16.13		**Miscellaneous**	**£75.00**
£3,198.98		**Ironbridge and Bodnant trips**	**£2,062.00**
£121.06		**Events and Special Interest Groups (Net Receipts)**	
£11,788.73		**Total Income**	**£11,200.12**
		PAYMENTS	
£3,872.50		**Hire of Rooms**	**£3,455.00**
£848.30		**Lecturers' Fees**	**£814.00**
£0.00		**Hospitality**	**£155.75**
£1,938.00		**Christmas Lunch**	**£1,945.00**
£932.00		**U3A Trust Capitation**	**£932.00**
£723.05		**"Third Age Matters" Periodical**	**£662.40**
£547.90		**"Borderlines" Newsletter Printing**	**£420.00**
£70.00		**other U3A Expenses**	**£34.48**
£3,183.68		**Ironbridge and Bodnant trips**	**£2,115.00**
£0.00		**Purchase of merchandise**	**£0.00**
£131.98		**Gifts to retiring officers**	**£59.96**
£161.01		**Other Printing Costs**	**£194.82**
£148.93		**Groups**	**£0.00**
£154.91		**Bank charges**	**£124.33**
		Sundries (audit fee)	**£50.00**
£0.00		**Secretary's Expenses**	**£0.00**
£50.00		**Treasurer's Expenses**	**£0.00**
£0.00		**Postage**	**£0.00**
£239.32		**Computer Services and website**	**£239.32**
£25.00		**Miscellaneous**	**£5.99**
£13,026.58		**Total Expenditure**	**£11,208.05**
-£1,237.85		**Net +Receipts/-Payments**	**-£7.93**
£11,159.75		**Opening Balance 1st February**	**£9,921.90**
£9,921.90		**Closing Balance**	**£9,913.97**
		Balances held as	
£9,921.90		**HSBC Lecture Account**	**£9,870.82**
		HSBC Events Account	**£0.00**
		COIF Deposit Account	**£0.00**
		Cash	**£43.15**
£9,921.90			**£9,913.97**
		All funds are unrestricted	
		Other Assets	
		laptop	
		digital projector	
		laminator	
		sound system	
		earphones	
		Liabilities	

Llandrindod Wells U3A

Accounts for year ending 31st January 2024 Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Responsibilities 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.

Pat Howard

11 Maple Terrace, Tremont Road, Llandrindod Wells

Date 7th March 2024