

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held at 2 pm, 24th Mar 2021, virtually'

There were 121 members present, which met the requirements for a quorum of 5% current members, including the 47 members who had voted in advance by post or email.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies had been received from: Georgiana Reynolds and Sharon Fishwick.

2. Motion: to approve amendments to the Constitution of Sevenoaks U3A to enable Executive Committee and General Meetings to be held by electronic means and to enable proxy voting. A Schedule of Amendments had been provided to members with the meeting Agenda.

The Chairman said that the Motion for consideration was to approve amendments to the Constitution to enable Executive Committee meetings and General Meetings to be held by electronic means and to enable proxy voting. The Motion was proposed by Chris Dance (Secretary) and seconded by Jim Purves. The Chairman explained that the Charity Commission has allowed us to hold meetings by electronic means during the past year, but when that concession ends there may be further occasions when we will need to do that, especially at our AGM on 23rd June. It was planned that the AGM would be held on Zoom even if the government restrictions ended on 21st June.

The Chairman invited members to ask questions about the Motion. There were no questions about the Motion, but Sue Christy asked how it would be ensured that members who had already voted by post or email did not vote again at the meeting. The Chairman said that the Tellers would be able to check voting members against a list of members who had already voted by post or email.

The Chairman explained that the voting method would be by the raising of a hand. The Tellers would take screenshots during the brief period in which hands were raised and would use these to analyse the voting.

The Chairman introduced the Tellers who were Bob Ruffles and Charles Hebert. The Chairman emphasized that anyone present who had already voted by post should not vote again.

Following the voting, the Chairman closed the meeting. The result of the voting was given by the Tellers after the lecture which followed.

Addendum: Voting Result

SGM Attendance

Votes received before the meeting: 47
People present on Zoom: 121
8 people present on Zoom had voted prior to the meeting

This gives an attendance for the vote of $121 + 47 - 8 = 160$

The Vote

Postal and email 'Yes' votes were 47
There were 93 'Yes' votes at the Zoom meeting [no duplicates with the postal/electronic votes]

This gives a total 'Yes' vote of **140**.
The number of 'No' votes was 0
The number of declared abstentions was 0.

Thus, the Motion, which required approval by two thirds of those in attendance or voting by post or email, was passed.

End of Addendum