

Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28 April 2025 at 2pm in 2<sup>nd</sup> Comber Presbyterian Church.

**1 Apologies:** Eddie Bell, Evelyn Bell, Ann Robinson and David Robinson.

## **2 Chairperson Report Highlights**

2.1 An Open Day held in September 2024 was organised by our two Group Co-ordinators, Trevor Millar and Alan Telford and supported by our Group Leaders.

2.2 In addition to our pre-existing groups, we now have a Pickleball Group that is very well supported. A Canasta Group will start in September.

2.3 Hill Wilson serves as our Webmaster.

2.4 Our Membership Secretary, David Wilson, has had a busy year taking care of Beacon, which manages membership and finance. Many of our Committee members and Group Leaders are now trained up to use Beacon.

2.5 Our former Speaker Secretary Margaret McMillen and our new Speaker Secretary Trisha Sherrey have ensured that we have been entertained at our monthly meetings with a broad range of speakers.

2.6 Our Treasurer Terry Needham maintains records on our income and expenditure. Under his stewardship finances remain in a healthy position so we can keep the fees at £15 despite current high inflation.

2.7 Campbell English, Margaret McMillan and Leslie Bar have served on the Executive Committee for part of the last year and we particularly wish to thank them for their time and contribution.

## **3 Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report Highlights**

3.1	<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	
	Opening balance	£7,043.48	Opening balance	£7,851.62
	Income	£5,924.00	Income	£5,313.00
	Payments	£5,116.00	Payments	£6,406.00
	Closing balance	£7,851.48	Closing balance	£6,758.62

The accounts were independently audited by Sheila Magee from Down U3a and a full set of accounts are now on the website. Terry Needham and Sheila Magee have a reciprocal arrangement and Terry carries out an independent audit on the accounts of Down U3a. Sheila Magee was proposed by Terry Needham and seconded by Karen Shearer.

#### **4 Election of Officers/Trustees for 2025/26**

4.1 Retired Committee Members – Campbell English, Margaret McMillan and Leslie Barr.

Returning Committee Members – Anna McDowell, Karen Marshall, Trevor Millar, Terry Needham, Karen Shearer, Trisha Sherrey, Alan Telford and David Wilson.

New Treasurer is Karen Shearer – proposed by Jim Torney and seconded by Marianne Perry.

Proposed Committee Members for Election – Frances Dunseath as Vice Chair. Proposed by Rosemary Torney and seconded by Carol Lynn.

#### **5 2025 – 2026 Committee**

Chair: Karen Marshall

Vice Chair: Frances Dunseath

Secretary: Anna McDowell

Treasurer: Karen Shearer

Membership Secretary: David Wilson

Speaker Secretary: Trisha Sherrey

Group Leaders' Co-ordinators: Trevor Millar and Alan Telford

Committee Member: Terry Needham

#### **6 Membership for 2025 – 2026**

Members were reminded that the fees for 2025/2026 are now due for renewal. Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, online or card-reader.