

Farnborough & District u3a
Special General Meeting
28th October 2025 2pm.

Present:

Chairman:	Jerry Carlssen
Vice-Chair:	Pam Hay
Treasurer:	Ian Hutchings
Membership Secretary:	Judith Layzell
Committee Secretary:	Tina McCain
Groups Co-ordinator:	Neil Hay
Events Co-ordinator:	Paul Banner
Monthly Meetings:	Peter Wickwar
Media Co-ordinator:	Dave Minett

1. There were 79 ordinary members present. Some apologies were received.
2. The Chairman explained that there were 4 alterations that the Committee felt needed to be changed to the previous constitution which dates from 2019. A copy of the changes proposed had previously been circulated to all u3a member. These are:
 - a. Rebranding. The name would be changed from University of the Third Age to “u3a”.
 - b. Quorum. The 2019 constitution requires 50 members to be present for Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings. The new constitution would require 50 members, or 5%, whichever is fewer.
 - c. Re-election of the Committee. To try and ensure continuity, Committee members will commit to hold the position for 2 years, although they may still retire earlier. The committee officers will be elected to stand for 1 year.

- d. Financial oversight: The present constitution requires an annual financial audit. The Charity Commission only require an external examiner. An external examiner is much more cost effective. The new constitution will only requite external examination.
- 3. A question was asked regarding the actual number needed for a quorum. The current membership is around 700, so the requirement would be 5%, or approximately 35.
- 4. The motion to approve the amended constitution was proposed by Peter Wickwar and seconded by Annette Heck.