



Minutes U3A Nelson - Special General Meeting
26 February, 2025, 10am, Elim Church Theatrette, Stoke

Chair: Wendy Cornish

Secretary: Zoe MacAlpine

President Wendy Cornish declared the Special General Meeting open and welcomed members. Apologies were displayed on the screen, and Wendy moved that they be accepted. Moved and carried.

Apologies:

Dick Brown, Lesley Cameron, Stuart Yank, Jane Stevens, Ann Taylor
Liz Chinnery-Jack-Bowyer, Ro Cambridge, Barry Blommaart, Kenneth Clark,
Carl Lashbrook, Carol and Gordon Suddaby, Mary and Richard Talbot, Sally Mason
and Don Kelly, Geoff Trow, Roger and Judy Pittman, Judith Hunter and Ian
MacDougall, Margaret and Nigel Mouat, Verna Fromont, Debbie Fish, Graeme Lea,
Di Goodman, Rosemary Shaw, Maggie Cambra, Karen du Fresne, Pip and John Grant,
Erica Baldwin, Roger Haynes, Glenis and Bruce Cooper, Sue Curnow, Valerie Moran

The purpose of this Special General Meeting is to pass the Resolutions concerning our new Constitution. Wendy thanked Andrew Mason, Hilary Carpenter and Jenny Pullen for their hard work.

And Willem Reuencamp for his valuable help and advice.

Wendy then introduced Andrew who explained the process to the gathered U3A members. He explained that the Government re-wrote the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. It requires every Incorporated Society to re-register and write a new Constitution following a list of requirements.

That is why our Constitution has grown from 4 pages to 27 pages.

Today, we have to pass four Resolutions, by a minimum 2/3 majority of members present.

Working Party members, Hilary and Jenny joined Wendy and Andrew on the stage, to ensure a correct and accurate show of hands from members present.

Resolution 1: That the document presented at the Meeting be accepted as the proposed new Constitution of U3A Nelson Incorporated for re-registration under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (“the Draft Constitution”).

Wendy moved that the Resolution be accepted/passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 2: That the Committee be hereby authorized to submit the Draft Constitution to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies for re-registration of the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 together with such additional documents or other information as may be required by that Act or the Registrar.

Wendy moved that the Resolution be accepted/passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 3: That the Committee be hereby authorized to amend the Draft Constitution in accordance with any directions of the Registrar under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 or considered necessary or desirable by the Committee to enable re-registration of the Society under that Act.

Wendy moved that the Resolution be accepted/passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 4: That the Society’s current Constitution be deleted, repealed and replaced by the by the Draft Constitution, as the new Constitution of the Society on its re-registration under the Incorporated Societies Act of 2022.

Wendy moved that the Resolution be accepted/passed unanimously by show of hands.

Wendy declared the Special General Meeting closed at 10:10am

David Turner proposed a motion of a Vote of Thanks to Wendy and the Committee.
Zoe seconded/motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoe MacAlpine,
Secretary