

Dear Tarporley & District u3a members,

Following discussion and agreement of your Committee & with approval of the Third Age Trust, your committee hereby give notice of a 'Special General Meeting' (SGM) of members which will take place at the next members meeting on Thursday the 26th September to commence at 10.15am prior to the guest speaker talk at 10.30am.

The SGM is being called to propose to the membership the following amendments to our current Constitution within section 16.8 which relates to the tenure of your Officers and trustees and 20.8 which relates to the quorum requirement for committee meetings. A vote by a show of hands will be taken at the SGM on each proposed amendment. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person and would like to appoint a proxy to vote in your place or provide the Chair with your voting intent, please see details below **(SGM Voting)** on how to action your proxy vote.

Tarporley & District u3a Proposed two amendments to the Constitution

16. Officers and trustees

Current:

(8) No-one may hold any specific officer position or be an ordinary (non-officer) trustee for a continuous period in excess of 3 years without an interval of at least 1 year between the periods of service with the exception of the treasurer who may hold the position for 6 years.

Proposed addition in yellow highlight:

(8) No-one may hold any specific officer position or be an ordinary (non-officer) trustee for a continuous period in excess of 3 years without an interval of at least 1 year between the periods of service with the exception of the treasurer who may hold the position for 6 years. However if insufficient nominations are received to fill vacancies for Officers and/or Committee members, a majority decision can be taken by The Committee to ask the retiring Officer(s)/member(s) to remain in post until the next AGM for a period of one year and reviewed annually.

20. Proceedings of trustees

Current:

(8) The quorum shall be two or the number nearest to two-thirds of the total number of trustees, whichever is the greater or such larger number as may be decided from time to time by the trustees.

Proposed change in yellow highlight:

(8) The quorum shall be two or the number nearest to **fifty percent** of the total number of trustees, whichever is the greater or such larger number as may be decided from time to time by the trustees.

SGM voting

(1) Each member shall have one vote but if there is an equality of votes the person who is chairing the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.

(2) Voting

(a) by proxy A member may appoint a proxy to attend a general meeting and vote on his or her behalf in accordance with clause 15(3).

Note: Your proxy vote intention may if you wish be provided to me your Chair by reply to this email with a response to one or both of the proposals as "In Favour', Against" or "Abstain"

(3) Proxies may only be validly appointed by notice in writing (a Proxy Notice) which:

(a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;

(b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;

(c) is signed by the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the trustees may determine; and

(d) is delivered to the charity in accordance with clause 30.

Note: An email to me your Chair, by reply to this email with the details required of your chosen proxy provided, as detailed above will suffice.

Kind regards,

Don Igoe,

Chair - Tarporley & District u3a