



WyreLancs

Charity no 1184776

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

held at 2.15pm on 11th June 2026 at Christ Church, Thornton

Committee in Attendance

Lindy Porter (Chair)
Graham Bannister (Vice Chair and Speakers Secretary)
Ted Armitage (Treasurer)
Valerie Whitney (Secretary)
Chris Martin (Treasurer 2)
Carol Pocock (Membership)
Marie Currie (Groups Co-ordinator)
Co-opted – Colin Gray, Pete Millard, Karen Palmer

Membership in Attendance

87 being an acceptable quorate.

Minutes of Previous AGM

Agreed by a majority vote. Proposed Bill Gillespie, Seconded Brian Morris.

Chair Report

Lindy Porter presented the report

Key points:

The Chair reflected on their financial year in office.

Important strides had been made in strengthening our organisation, both structurally and financially.

Main policies have been reviewed and updated to ensure we remain compliant and relevant.

The Constitution was updated. Our financial position was turned around, from a period of consistent losses to a healthy balance to ensure long-term stability and security of our u3a. The database overhauled and upgrade to a more secure system. Successfully received HMRC Gift Aid.

There have been challenging times and the Chair thanked the committee for their dedication and hard work.

Treasurers Report

Ted Armitage and Chris Martin presented the accounts. A copy of the accounts was emailed to members prior to the AGM with the audited balance sheet and posted to non-internet members.

The membership fee for 2026/27 was confirmed as remaining at £25.00.

A member questioned the presentation of the accounts. Treasurer 2 read out a signed statement stating the accounts for year ending 31st March 2025 represented a true and fair view of the transactions for the year. Audited 28th April 2026.

A member raised a question regarding an impending HMRC £100 fine. The Chair reported it had been mentioned in the Newsletter and it is being dealt with by committee to be reported in the next financial year. This was due to a tax query but we do not pay tax.

There being no further questions regarding the accounts they were accepted.

Proposed Mark Morris seconded Kath Rawcliffe.

Election of Officers

Standing down:

Chair, Treasurer, Treasurer 2, Groups Co-ordinator, Front of House, Website/Newsletter, Speakers Secretary.

Standing for re-election:

Graham Bannister – Vice Chair

Valerie Whitney – Secretary

Carol Pocock – Membership Secretary

Co-opted committee members to be accepted at the AGM:

Pete Millard – Publicity Officer

Colin Gray – Groups Co-ordinator

Karen Palmer – To be proposed as Treasurer

Committee Position Availability

Speakers Secretary

All accepted by a majority vote

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3pm.