

Minutes of AGM of Windsor and District u3a on 9th April 2025

Committee Members Present: Martin Pritchett, David Treder, Carol Crago, Keith Humphries, Derek Gadd, Kate Fagence, Jackie Wiggins (minuting), Jo Wattis.

Number	Item	Action
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence: Anne Emmett, Havel Andrews, Barry Andrews, Karin Taylor, Janet Stow, Mark Prest, Diana Gorton, Rosemary Butcher, Anita Roberts, Estlyn Davies, Jane Pickles, Bob Pickles, Gloria Sharpe, Debbie Maudsley, Sarah Branquinho, Gill Neivens, Eileen Harris, Eric Juul-Mortensen</p>	
2.	<p>Adoption of Minutes: Carol Crago, Secretary, opened the meeting by welcoming members and posing the motion proposed by Astrid Thompson and seconded by Ornella Mohan, to adopt the Minutes of 2024 AGM. The motion was accepted unanimously.</p>	
3.	<p>Chairman’s Report: Martin Pritchett, currently Vice Chairman, summarised our activities during the past year. Membership had increased from 689 to 718, a growth of 4%. We held a Convenor Conference in May at Slough & Langley College attended by 75 convenors and committee members. Interest Groups are thriving. Some had opened and some had closed. The ‘Explore London’ groups’ outings offering opportunities to discover our culture and heritage, remain very popular. At our Christmas celebration members enjoyed community dancing and singing, followed by a quiz. Monthly Speaker Meetings had been informative and entertaining. Several coach outings and holidays had afforded members opportunities to widen their horizons, both at home visiting NT properties and abroad in France. “Come and Meet Each Other” (CAMEO) Coffee Mornings held in different localities continue to be appreciated. They are open to all, and provide opportunities to foster connections and friendships.</p>	
4.	<p>Treasurer’s Report: (Accounts and Independent Examiners’ Report had been previously circulated) David Treder, Treasurer, indicated that over the year, there had been a small loss. This was not of concern since we had significant reserves, which largely accrued from surpluses from coach outings. Jackie Wiggins explained that coach fares for outings were costed on the basis of 40 passengers covering the cost of coach hire on an economical basis. If more than 40 members take part, then we have surplus funding. John Wiggins queried why</p>	

	<p>membership fees had increased when we had reserves in excess of our operational needs. David Treder explained that our significant excess enables our u3a to hire accomplished speakers whose charges had increased and are expensive. We had also invested in updating audio-visual equipment to improve members' experience at Monthly Meetings.</p>	
5.	<p>Adoption of Accounts for 2024 (previously circulated): Carol Crago, Secretary, posed the motion proposed by John Wiggins and seconded by Malcolm Munroe to adopt the Accounts for 2024. These had been approved by an independent examiner with authority granted at AGM of 2023. The accounts were accepted without query.</p>	
6.	<p>Election of Committee Members.</p> <p>Chairman: Peter Todd had retired as chairman. Malcolm Emmett proposed and Anne Emmett seconded that Martin Pritchett, who had been coopted to the committee as Vice Chair during 2024 be elected as our new Chairman. The motion was unanimously accepted.</p> <p>Groups' Coordinator: Sue White who had previously held this post, had served the maximum number of years as a committee member and had therefore stepped down. Mo Salter had been coopted to the committee to replace Sue. Her election to the committee was proposed by Sheila Allen and seconded by Susan Roberts-Shepherd. Mo Salter was elected unanimously.</p> <p>Data Administrator: Derek Gadd was stepping down and Keith Humphries was proposed by Pauline Thompson and seconded by Martin Lloyd, to take this post. Keith Humphries was elected unanimously.</p> <p>Treasurer: David Treder has completed his first 3 year period of office and is willing to stand for his second. His re-appointment was proposed by Sue White and seconded by Roy Battison. David was unanimously re-elected to the committee.</p> <p>Martin Pritchett thanked the retiring committee members for their service to Windsor and District u3a.</p> <p>Membership Secretary: Kate Fagence has completed her first 3-year period of office and is willing to stand for her second. Kate's re-election was proposed by Julie Burman and seconded by Sue Morris. Kate was unanimously re-elected.</p>	
7.	<p>Discuss and vote on any resolutions:</p> <p>Motion 7a: To give the committee authority to set the renewal subscription rate for 2026 by December 2025 latest. Proposed by Teresa Smyth, Seconded by Adele McNally. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Motion 7b: To give the committee authority to find and appoint an independent examiner for the 2025 accounts</p>	

	Proposed by Dave Humphries and seconded by Jane Standley. Unanimously agreed. Motion 7c: Resolutions from the AGM attendees. There were none.	
8.	Martin Pritchett ended the meeting by re -iterating thanks to retiring committee members and inviting the membership to enjoy refreshments and entertainment.	
9.	Date of next AGM: Wednesday, 8th April 2026.	