

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2024

1. Chair's Welcome and Safety Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the health and safety directives applied to the venue and including siting of the fire exits.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Catherine Ager and Jean Windsor.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2023

APPROVED as a correct record.

PROPOSED Hazel Perry and SECONDED Roger May

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair was pleased to report membership of New Mills and District u₃a continued to rise steadily currently reaching just over five hundred. She reminded members that anyone wishing to start, join or help with an activity group should contact Jean Windsor, the Groups Coordinator.

The twentieth anniversary celebration, combined with the annual groups display event at the Town Hall, was well attended and much enjoyed. Several groups had arranged separate events to mark the occasion and the Chair gave thanks to everyone involved with making it such a success.

The monthly Speaker Meetings were invariably well attended and the current year was no exception. Members appreciated another programme of varied and interesting topics and the Speaker Organiser, Denise Hall, had confirmed she was already busy scheduling next year's diary with subjects ranging from pork pies to chickens. The Chair wished to register appreciation of both her and Carol Wright the previous Speaker Organiser.

The Coffee Mornings held on the last Tuesday of the month at the United Reform Church are becoming increasingly popular with thirty joining the most recent one.

The Chair ended her report by thanking everyone involved with organising a range of activities from the tea makers to Committee members. Also, Richard Clayton, Auditor of the Accounts.

This would be the Chair's last year of her term of office so thought needed to be given about the future.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented audited accounts for the year ended 30th September 2024 which had been audited Richard Clayton and were **RECEIVED** and **ADOPTED** as a correct record.

PROPOSED Richard Lawson and SECONDED Pat Stanway

7. Committee Elections

Following voting on submitted nominations Margaret Weaver (Treasurer), Wendy Cheshire (Member Secretary) and Jean Windsor (Groups Coordinator) were re-elected to the Committee.

Coopted members Denise Hall and Roger May were elected as Speaker Organiser and Committee member respectively. There remained one unfilled vacancy.

8. Any Other Business

No other business raised.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Annual General Meeting noted as 18th November 2025.