

Draft Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of Beeston u3a

held on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 10.15 am at Beeston Methodist Church

All documentation for the meeting was sent out in advance either electronically or by post. Any questions for the AGM, nominations for committee membership and any other business matters for inclusion were also requested in advance.

There were no questions, proposed motions or other notified business to include in the final agenda. All committee nominations were received and an Examiner of Accounts identified. Voting on proposals was carried out by requesting a show of hands (for, against and abstentions).

- 1. Welcome by the Chair:** The Chair, Anne Pinnock, welcomed members to the meeting and confirmed that we were quorate. A total of 155 members attended including 25 on Zoom.
- 2. Apologies:** Nicola and Mark Davies, John Patrick, David Kirk, Karen Stainer, Lynda Child, Philip Burton, Trevor and Jo Muxlow, Shirley Langstaff, Juila Saunders, Sally Beazley, Cora Lindsay, Marie Heath, Malcolm Tate, Stephen Degnan, Regine Dunston, Jane Bartrop, Pauline Bright.
- 3. Minutes of the previous AGM on May 2nd 2024:** These were taken as read. The proposal to accept them as a true record of the meeting was made by Kathy Shipway and seconded by Hadyn Boothroyd. A show of hands indicated that 24 attendees abstained with the remainder in favour of approving the minutes as a true record.
- 4. Chair's Report:** A full report had been circulated in advance. Anne gave a brief resume today.

She thanked the committee for their tireless work and highlighted the commitment and hard work of those non-committee volunteers who are fulfilling an increasingly wider range of roles.

She noted that the help and support provided by our venues, in particular Beeston Methodist Church, has been most appreciated.

Anne gave examples of the success of our Interest groups, Life style events, Outings and Committee led events such as the Quiz and the Not the Fine Wine evenings.

Alison Wilson, who is standing down from her committee roles of Membership Secretary and Vice Chair, was thanked for her enormous contribution over the last six years. New volunteers waiting in the wings to be elected, Noel Kelly and Julia Tabreham, were welcomed by Anne.

As she stepped down from the committee, Anne expressed her pride in the organisation and her confidence that Beeston u3a would remain an important and vibrant hub continuing to go from strength and strength.

- 5. To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts for 2024-25:** A full report and a copy of the accounts had been circulated in advance.

Richard provided a short resume today noting the healthy state of the finances of our u3a which will enable membership fees to remain at the current level for some considerable time and provide opportunities for funding further u3a activities.

He thanked the Group Facilitators for keeping their Beacon ledgers up to date. He also thanked Lindsay Litton who as Social Fund Treasurer, had handled a large number of transactions efficiently over the year. Bernard Whelan was also thanked for his prompt work in examining and approving the accounts.

Mike Norman proposed that we adopt the accounts and the proposal was seconded by Pamela Bayley. Adoption of the 2024-25 Statement of accounts was approved unanimously by those present.

- 6. To appoint an Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2025-26:** Bernard Whelan was happy to undertake the role again. He was proposed by Jane Eden and seconded by Pat Collings. His appointment was approved unanimously by those present.

- 7. Member questions:** none.

- 8. Election to Committee posts:** The following members had been nominated and seconded for roles on the 2025-26 committee prior to today's meeting. These appointments were approved unanimously.

Name	Role	Proposer	Seconded
Noel Kelly	Chair	Robert Dowling	Paul Pinnock
Pauline Duke	Business Secretary	John Roskell	Adrian Keen
Richard Taylor	Treasurer	Mike Norman	Naomi Milner
Karen Attwood	Publicity/Speaker Seeker	Tracey Coull	Pat Collings
Brendan Breen	Groups Coordinator	Paul Pinnock	Mary Steiner
Roger Farmer	Webmaster	Carole Philip	Hugh Philip
Susan Krause	Groups Coordinator	Lesley Rose	Pauline Taylor
Lindsay Litton	Social Fund Treasurer	Anne Allery	Elizabeth Dodds
Dee May	Communications Officer	Nigel Statham	Mary Steiner
Roberta Pearson	Membership Secretary	Richard Briggs	Roger Steeper
Julia Tabreham	Committee	Nicola Manning	Jackie Archer

- 9. Presentations:** David Austin vouchers were presented to Anne and Alison to thank them for the huge contribution they had made to the development and success of Beeston u3a.

Gift vouchers were presented to BMC staff, Karen and Amy, to thank them for their invaluable help in supporting our u3a activities.

- 10. Close:** As the newly elected Chair, Noel Kelly thanked members for attending the meeting and for their support. He explained that since retiring and moving to the area, u3a had changed his life and now he wanted to give something back to the organisation.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.

Signed

Dated: