

Towcester u3a

Minutes of

Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2025 at 14:00

Committee Members: Deb Heaphy – Chair; Terry Goldfinch - Treasurer; Jill Stewart – Group Liaison; Alison Foxton -Publicity; Anne Parkes – Speaker Liaison; Jenny Rigby; Marilyn Shone; Tricia Burningham – Business Secretary Minute Secretary

Committee Apologies: Apologies were received from Alison Burnley – Membership.

Member Apologies: Apologies were received from Liz and Mike Crussel, Sheila Thompson, Ann and Colin Ward.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members in attendance at this AGM which was held in advance of the Monthly Meeting. The meeting was quorate.

2. Voting Results

The Business Secretary presented the results of the Vote. Highlights were as follows:

274 votes (43% of membership) had been cast out of a total membership of 635. Therefore, the quorum requirement (minimum sixty-nine members) had been met.

All reports were approved with unanimous or overwhelming majorities:

Report	Qualifying Yes Votes	Qualifying No Votes	Total Votes	Did Not Attend 2024 AGM/ Not a member in 2024
Notes and Voting Results from 2024 AGM	194	1	195	79
	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%	
Trustees' report covering the period June 2024 to May 2025	273	1	274	
	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%	
Finance Reports (Unaudited Accounts) for the year ended 28th February 2025	271	3	274	
	98.9%	1.1%	100.0%	
Re-appointment of Essendon Accounts and Tax Ltd as our external examiner until the next AGM	273	1	274	
	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%	

The New Committee were elected unanimously

Some really positive comments from members of their appreciation for Towcester u3a!

3. Trustees Report (available on our website)

The Chair gave a summary of the highlights of the report as follows:

3.1. Committee members for May 2024 to May 2025

Deborah Heaphy (Chairman, re-elected May 2024)

Terry Goldfinch (Treasurer re-elected May 2024)
Tricia Burningham (Business secretary elected May 2024)
Alison Foxtan (Publicity secretary re-elected May 2024)
Anne Parkes (Speaker Seeker re-elected May 2024)
Jill Stewart (Group Co-ordinator – re-elected May 2024)
Alison Burnley (Membership secretary re-elected May 2024)
Jenny Rigby (Webmaster) re-elected May 2024
Marilyn Shone (re-elected May 2024)

All Committee members stood for re-election for 2025-26 and were elected unanimously as set out above.

3.2. Groups

There were six new groups: Boys Toys 3, Strollers, Photography, Spirituality, Sunday Lunch group and Tennis.

Thanks were given to Jill Stewart for her work with groups throughout the year.

3.3. Monthly Meetings

Thanks were extended to Anne Parkes, Speaker Seeker for a full and varied programme of talks during the year. Attendance had continued to improve, and new audio-visual equipment had been installed.

3.4. Membership

Membership now totalled 635 members as of 28 February 2025.

Thanks were expressed to Alison Burnley for her work with members and the new membership system, *Simple Membership*.

3.5. Publicity

Publicity channels included the website towcesteru3a.co.uk, a Facebook Page and a monthly bulletin, in addition to other activities. A big thank you was given to Alison Foxtan.

3.6. Finance

Income over the year was £13,808, whilst expenditure was less than anticipated at £10,460, leaving a surplus of £3,348.

The committee authorised capital expenditure on audio visual equipment of £2,509, with the balance of the surplus being added to reserves.

Inflationary pressures were not as great as anticipated, and Anne Parkes has once again managed to secure speakers for our monthly meetings at very reasonable rates. Income and expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year were projected to be in the region of £12,000.

The Committee did not anticipate a need to increase the membership fee for the foreseeable future.

4. AOB - None

The Annual General Meeting closed at 14:20