

Ash u3a

Draft Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of Ash u3a
held on Thursday August 28th 2025 at 3.00pm
at The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road

The Chairman welcomed everyone including new members and any visitors.

Apologies for Absence were received from Pam and Ron Jarman, Carole Eldridge, Terry and Catherine Hirst, Don Richardson, Pam and Danny Mathews, Jacky Edwards, Angela Emsden, Susan Kiy, Christine Piper, Monica Locke, Hilary Sills, Judy Hill, Laura Hatch, Anne Everitt, and Gregg Wallis

1. Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were circulated on 7th August 2025

These had been agreed by the committee meeting in November 2024.

2. Matters Arising.

None.

3. Request for Committee Members.

One member of the Committee has moved away and another has retired after many years. We need one or two willing volunteers.

4. Trustees' Report circulated on 7th August 2025

All committee members are Trustees and the report which had been circulated had shown an encouraging year.

It was proposed by John Burgess and seconded by Ray Pearse that the Trustees' Report be accepted.

There were no abstentions and none against so the Trustees report was accepted.

5. Treasurer's Report circulated on 6th August 2024

The treasurer apologised that the detailed Group account had not been included in the reports. It had been sent to all Group leaders.

A Summary was shown on the screen which showed

- The groups are self-funding
- Income this year is 26% higher than 2024 partly due to a late claim of Gift Aid and partly to extra new members.
- The reserves are to cover any unexpected expenditure (i.e. new computer needed)
- Membership fee has remained at £10
- The response to the pie chart used was positive.

It was proposed by Deborah Lowther and seconded by Carol Ford that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Agreed

6. Election of Officers and Committee

The officers of the committee are Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and are required by the Charity Commission

Graham Smith has volunteered to be chairman.

He explained he is the group leader of Tai Chi and had been persuaded by a member of that group to put his name forward. He said he is not planning changes. He feels volunteering is important as are education and stimulation. We need to spread the word to others about u3a.

**He is proposed by Meg Wilson and seconded by Diana Wilson
All in Favour.**

**Vivienne Crocker Proposed Debbie Milton as Treasurer and Eileen Monds as Secretary
Seconded by Derek Harding.
Agreed**

The remaining members of the committee will be

Gay Buckingham - Membership Secretary
Adrienne Evans – Venues' Secretary
Margaret Wilson - Publicity
Peter Stratford - Website
Tom Gardener - Beacon
Diana Wilson – Speakers' Secretary

**Proposed: Jim Forsyth
Seconded: Andy Fuller
Agreed**

It was noted that there is no Groups Co-ordinator due to Sally Barnard retiring. Derk wanted to give special thanks to Sally who has held this position for a number of years. She has had a busy role doing all the negotiations between groups and the committee and setting up several new groups. We really need to replace her. Thank you Sally

Any Other Business

The chairman thanked all group leaders, especially those who have been doing this for a number of years, 10/20 years in some cases. All group leaders are to be thanked for what they do for u3a. He also wanted to thank the committee for their time and commitment

Treasurer Debbie Milton thanked Derek Monds for volunteering to step in as Chairman for the 2024-2025 session and lead the Ash u3a and its Committee, thus avoiding the possible folding of Ash u3a.

The Meeting closed at 15:30 and there were 117 in attendance. (Overall 150 members and visitors had attended the afternoon)

Signed

Date