

Registered Charity No 516502

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Aspin House, Block B, Station Road, Huddersfield HD2 1UT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 29 October 2025 at 2.00 pm at the United Reformed Church Moldgreen

INTRODUCTION BY THE MEETING CHAIR

The chair of the meeting, Alison Newbery, explained that at an emergency committee meeting convened on 27 October she was asked to Chair this meeting in the absence of our former chair who resigned on 25 October.

In the Autumn Newsletter there was an update on the proposal and action agreed at the last AGM to affiliate to the Third Age Trust and to adopt their Beacon Administration System.

During negotiations with the Third Age Trust the committee received a Letter of Intent as a way of going forward. In discussions about this letter certain reservations became apparent among committee members, as a result of which the chair, the leader of the project, Dr Dallas Cliff, felt he had lost the confidence of the committee and resigned.

The committee would like to express our appreciation of the work Dallas did as the outstanding chair he was over the past seven years. The committee is extremely sorry to see him end his leadership.

At the next committee meeting on 18 November it is intended to discuss the appointment of new officers and the way forward on the affiliation project.

PRESENT

Alison Newbery (meeting chair), Joan Connally, Jenny Eaglestone, Janet Forde, Isabel Foster, Moira Marshall, Christopher Newbery, Monica Plested, Mark Robinson, Mike Scholes, Diana Wilson and 73 members

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received Eileen Riley, Wendy Hockney and from John Dixon our retiring Treasurer. The meeting agreed to express written thanks to John for his 20 years of service as our treasurer.

2 MINUTES OF THE AGM 2024/25 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024 AT HUDDERSFIELD MISSION

These had been published in the Autumn Newsletter and were accepted as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

The affiliation project has already been noted

4 CHAIR'S OPENING ADDRESS

In the absence of the chair's formal address it was reported that in the 2024/25 financial year up 31 January membership stood at 1019 current members of which 181 were new. 216 had not renewed membership.

In the current year for comparison at 28 October we have 963 members of which 173 are new. 225 have not renewed.

Various marketing method at some costs were used to try and attract new members but our opinion remains that word of mouth is the most successful method of recruitment and members were encouraged to spread the word.

5 CONSTITUTION CHANGES

The committee has recently reviewed our Constitution to ensure that it accurately reflects current requirements. The new version includes a number of small changes:

- 'Chairman' has been changed to 'Chair' throughout.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP:

- Wording has been added to clarify that membership is not restricted to those over 50.

SECTION 4: MANAGEMENT

- Confirmation that committee members may stand for re-election after their three year term. This reflects the current situation.
- Activities Organiser removed from elected roles, as we no longer have such a position.

SECTION 5: MEETINGS

- Quorum requirement clarified (the lower of one tenth of members or 30 members)

Resolution: Members are requested to approve minor amendments and updates to the constitution as described

The changes to the constitution were approved.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

- The accounts were printed in the Autumn Newsletter together with the External Examiner's report for your information
- The newsletter was sent to all current members by post
- The accounts were approved by the Trustees at our committee meeting on 19 August 2025
- In the absence of our retiring treasurer we are not in a position to take questions

Note: The accounts have been submitted to the Charity Commission on time.

7.ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following members had agreed to stand for committee membership for a three year period. They have each been proposed and seconded by members. Original paper work is held at the U3A office

Monica Plested

Joan Connally, our new treasurer

Mark Robinson

Each of these three appointments were approved.

With much regret we have accepted a written resignation from Dr Dallas Cliff.

8 AOB

No items were received in advance of the meeting.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of the meeting that the AGM had gone ahead despite difficult circumstances.

The chair concluded by thanking Mike Scoles supported by Monica Plested for organising the Gala Concert, Jean North for her help with the venue, and Kevin Shuttleworth for his audio-visual expertise.

The meeting closed at 2:17 pm.