



Minutes of the Littleborough u3a Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday June 8th 2026 at 2pm in Littleborough Coach House

1	Welcome	Sue Temperley, Littleborough u3a Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate
2	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Marilyn Aldred, Janet Gillighan, Jackie Hogan, Julie Leitheiser, Jacqui Mellor, Denise Rowley, Mike Rowley, Kate Wolstenholme.
3	Minutes of the EGM held on March 9th 2026	The EGM had approved an amendment to the constitution to allow the further election of a committee member if vacancies could not be filled. The minutes had been previously circulated. They were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by: Bob Coley Seconded by Andy Wiggans By a show of hands, the minutes were approved unanimously, with no votes against and no abstentions. No proxy votes had been registered.
4	Minutes of the AGM held on June 9th 2025	The minutes had been previously circulated. They were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by: Sandra Kokocki Seconded by Bob Coley By a show of hands, the minutes were approved with no votes against and no abstentions. No proxy votes had been registered.

5	The Annual report from the Chair	Sue Temperley, chair of Littleborough u3a, gave her annual report citing the busy year and the active role played by members in supporting an increase in activity and opportunities for members. New initiatives in this year included the introduction of proxy voting for those unable to attend general meetings, three member coffee mornings, online feedback polls, a new volunteers' group and invitations to members to attend committee meetings. 10 new social events had been held during the year with attendance from more than 500 people. A new social events organising group is to plan further events. The u3a currently has 410 members and continues to grow by word of mouth. Our u3a is a lively and a friendly organisation.. Sue particularly thanked the group convenors, who are the backbone of the u3a. This year we also tried a different venue for our Christmas meeting. St. Andrew's Church offered an atmospheric stage for the performances and the predicted parking issues were insignificant on the day. In October 2025, the committee held a planning day in part to find ways to encourage new members to come forward to join the committee. As a result the chair is pleased to see new people coming forward for election today. We still have one co-opted place available if any member is interested. Next year – in 2027 – several key officers and individuals will be standing down from the committee, including the chair, business secretary, membership secretary, vice chair and newsletter editor, and the Beacon coordinator. If any member is willing to shadow any of these positions during the current year, you will be most welcome. The chair thanked all the members of the committee who have worked exceptionally hard this year. She went on to give specific thanks to retiring committee members:
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		Sue thanked Brenda Brown who has worked with her team of volunteer helpers to ensure that meetings offer refreshments, people to meet and greet new members. Brenda will continue to coordinate her volunteer team to provide these services but no longer as a committee member. Sue thanked Marilyn Aldred who is retiring from the committee after years of service as the Vice Chair and as the Speaker Coordinator. She thanked Cindy Drinkwater who is retiring from the committee after a very busy few years supporting the interest groups and visiting new groups. She has initiated a new Convenor newsletter and made this an active role which has required so much work that the committee now plans to seek two committee members to take it on in the future. Finally, and most importantly, the chair thanked the members themselves, who make our u3a a vibrant, exciting and fun group to be part of.
6	Treasurer's Report and presentation of the annual accounts.	The audited accounts had been previously circulated. In his report the treasurer said that the starting balance in April 2025 was £5,895.08 and the balance at April 2026 is £7,514.68. The income comes mainly from membership subscriptions. The main items of expenditure are the annual capitation fees, payable to the Third Age Trust at the rate of £4 per member and the Beacon fees, paid at the rate of £1 per member. We also pay a fee to the website host. Additional expenditure is incurred for the production and distribution of the newsletters and the operation of the monthly meetings and committee meetings, fees for the card payment systems and fees charged by speakers. The treasurer operates a separate social account which handles the monies for groups and social events. Any funds that remain unspent in this account are used to subsidise future events or activities. The treasurer thanked the committee and the membership for their support. The meeting was asked to accept and approve the accounts:

		Proposed by: Steve Lister Seconded by: Ellen Cruse The accounts were approved by a show of hands with no votes against and no abstentions. There were no proxy votes.
7.	Verification of the accounts for the current year	The treasurer proposed the reappointment of the following chartered accountants for the verification of the accounts for the year 2026 to 2027: David Costa Latham Costa Limited Proposed by: Janice Bray Seconded by: Paul Hughes By a show of hands, the auditors were approved. There were no votes against and no abstentions. There were no proxy votes.
8	Committee stands down and Chair is taken over by Janice Bray	Janice Bray took the chair and thanked Sue Temperley for all her work. She read out the nomination for Chair: Nominee: Sue Temperley, proposed by Virginia Parker, seconded by Janet Hook By show of hands, Sue was elected unanimously. There were no votes against and no abstentions. There were no proxy votes. Sue Temperley then took the chair again. She thanked Janice for her help, reminding members that Janice had been the first chair and founder of Littleborough u3a.
9.	Election of new committee	Sue read out the nominations for the officer positions on the committee: Vice-chair Nominee: Jo Wiggans; Proposed by Sue Harrison, seconded by Melanie Ottley-O'Connor By show of hands, Jo Wiggans was elected .There were no votes against and no abstentions or proxy votes.

		Treasurer Nominee: Julian Richardson, proposed by Martin Harrison, seconded by Christine Alexander By show of hands, Julian was elected There were no votes against and no abstentions or proxy votes. Business Secretary Nominee: Denise Rowley, proposed by Russell Bray, seconded by Julie Liepins By show of hands, Denise was elected. There were no votes against and no abstentions or proxy votes. Committee Members Dianne David, proposed by Angela Coric, seconded by Lynn Kilgour Anita Elwell, proposed by Judi Lees, seconded by Lynn Kilgour Janet Gillighan, proposed by Margaret Upton and seconded by Maura Ryan Christine Longhurst, proposed by Laura Barrett, seconded by Marilyn Aldred Jacqui Mellor, proposed by Diana Whatmough, seconded by Shirley Puce Mike Rowley, proposed by Gail Kershaw, seconded by Melanie Goulding Lynn Wild, proposed by Maureen Harrison, seconded by Maureen Butterworth Barrie Whitehead, proposed by Janice Brennan, seconded by Susan Thompson The nominations were put to the meeting and all were elected by show of hands. There were no votes against and no abstentions or proxy votes.
10.	Date of the next AGM	The next Annual General Meeting for Littleborough u3a will be held on Monday 14th June 2027 The chair thanked the membership for their attendance and attention and the meeting closed at 2.34pm.