

Shottery u3a AGM 2025

4th November 2025

Present: 43 members and 2 visitors

1.Apologies: Apologies were received from Win Smith

2.Approval of the minutes of the 2024 AGM

Draft minutes were available at the meeting

It was proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record

Proposed: Janet Puttock Seconded: Mark Attride

Accepted unanimously

3.Matters arising from the minutes

None

4.Chair's report

The Chair's report had been distributed with the Newsletter, both electronically and in hard copy at the meeting. Members of the committee were introduced so that recent members are familiar with them.

Frances Freeman introduced her report. She thanked the committee for their work. One member has volunteered to join the committee but more are still needed to fulfil this roll. Frances also appealed for able -bodied members to arrive early in order to put out the chairs for the meeting. Frances emphasised that membership needs to at least remain at current levels or preferably increase in order to make the group viable and also emphasised the friendly nature of the group.

5. Treasurer's report

The accounts were distributed in hard copy at the meeting. Mark Attride gave a brief breakdown of the current situation and spending. He emphasised the increases in costs that are being experienced – hire of the hall speaker fees, general costs etc. One capital expenditure for purchase of the projector/ sound system had been incurred during the last year. Membership needs to at least remain at current levels or preferably increase in order to make the group viable. Mark asked everyone to consider paying their subscription by Bank Transfer as Lloyds Bank has ended its charity accounts which has resulted in increased bank charges for cheques and cash making Bank Transfer the most cost efficient method. Mark is checking with other banks but they too seem to be making this change.

Proposed that the accounts be accepted.

Proposed: Martin Young Seconded: Hilary Young

Accepted unanimously

6.Approval of the appointment of the examiner of accounts

The treasurer asked that the current examiner, Robert Tringham, be reappointed as auditor for 2026

Proposed: Judith Suau Marcus

Seconded: Brian Jones

7. Election of committee members

All current members agreed to stand for the next year.

Sue Maine was unanimously elected to join the committee

8. Any Other Business

Nick Blacoe queried when the AGM has to take place and why November was chosen. The Chair explained that the timing is related to the Membership year and Paying of subscriptions in January, so that any proposed increase can be put before the membership to vote at the AGM, and to the end of our financial year and auditing of accounts in September

The meeting closed at 2.16pm