

Registered Charity No. 1078824

**MINUTES FROM CHINNOR & DISTRICT u3a
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
16 JULY 2026 at 1430**

The meeting was opened by the Chair who welcomed all and thanked the Trustees and volunteers for their support and commitment, making this year another positive experience.

Having established that there were 111 attendees, 34 apologies and that 50 proxy votes had been received it was established that the meeting was quorate and could proceed.

1.0 Minutes of the AGM 2025

The Minutes for 2025 had been circulated to all members.

Voting: All agreed that these were an accurate record without questions or amendment

Proposer: Karin Dawson-Smith Second: Paul DeJong

2.0 Annual Report from the Chair 2026

The Annual Report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Chair reported that the Chinnor and District u3a had continued to grow and adapt with a strong membership and both new and returning members. There were new groups, including Make It, Mend It; Out & About and Sustainable Living. The quality of Monthly Speaker meetings continued to increase with a wide range of topics including personal growth. The Chair thanked the teams working behind the scenes. The outings and events had been successful and more were planned for 2026-27 including Quintessential Summer Garden Party; Barn Dance, Quiz, Health & Wellbeing Fayre and a number of festive events.

This was an opportunity to say a special thank you and goodbye to the outgoing committee members Margaret Lambert, Business Secretary and Peter Lambert, Treasurer. Presentations were made. There were introductions to new committee members, Simon Kearey, Treasurer and Wendy Skrivanos, Business Secretary.

The Chair asked for members to consider offering their time to support the u3a. With regard to the future, this would be the last year for the Chair and so to enable the Chinnor and District u3a to continue. it would be necessary to identify a new Chair. Nettie Dearmun (ND) said she would be happy to continue with a new role of Public Engagement and therefore the role would not be so onerous, especially as there was support from a very dedicated and enthusiastic committee. In the absence of a volunteer other options would need to be explored, including possible amalgamation with another local u3a or closure of Chinnor & District u3a.

Voting: All accepted and agreed without amendment or comment

Proposer: Karin Dawson-Smith Seconder: Pam Buckingham

3.0 Annual Accounts 25-26

The Treasurers Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Simon Kearey (SK) thanked to Peter Lambert for a comprehensive handover and recognised that maintaining the account had been a significant task. Which he had carried out very effectively. There is now a financial team comprising the Treasurer, supported by Ann Hockley, bookkeeper.

The Chinnor & District u3a is very stable financially. Room bookings had been centrally funded and this was to continue in 2026/27. Income was derived from membership,, Gift Aid, events/activities, interest, and donations.

The accounts had been examined by Andrew Reid who was satisfied that the accounts had been well managed and the figures were robust and accurate.

There were no questions.

Voting: All accepted and agreed without amendment

Proposer: Dorothea Dunn Seconder: Karin Dawson-Smith

4.0 Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

The Chair (ND) reported that Andrew Reid had been appointed as Examiner of Accounts.

Voting: All agreed

Proposer: Paul de Jongh Seconder: Rob Holdaway

Voting: All agreed

5.0 Election of Trustees

Duly seconded nomination forms had been received from the following:

Karin Dawson-Smith; Nettie Dearmun; Dorothea Dunn; Paul de Jongh; Joan Reid; Andrew Montgomery; Ann Hedges; John Styles; Simon Kearey; Wendy Skrivanos

A block vote was taken to elect the above to the Committee for 2026-27

Voting: All accepted and agreed without amendment

Proposer: Janet Erskine Seconder: Margaret Lambert

6.0 Any other business

The committee were thanked for their valuable work over the year

There was no other business and so the **meeting closed at 1505**

The AGM for 2027 will be 15 July 2027