

Minutes of the ssu3a Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th May, 2026 at 14:00

Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Dave Willis (Committee Secretary) opened the meeting and welcomed the 68 full members and 3 associates present. He said that the following members had offered their apologies for not being present: Marilyn Beswick, Robert and Rosa Bishop, Maria Brown, Vicky Chapple, Patricia Eveson, Patricia Hayes, Geoff Hayward, Mary Ing, Doreen Mansfield, Betty Norris, Elisabeth Robery and Helen Russell.

Minutes of the previous AGM

Reminding the members that they had recently received a copy of the Minutes of the previous AGM (held on 12th May, 2025), Dave asked if any member who had attended that meeting would propose the Minutes for adoption. Helen Clarke proposed; Alan Webb seconded. The Minutes were approved by all members who were present at the previous AGM.

Chair's Report

Dave then invited Malcolm Clark (Chair) to summarize the Chair's Report, which had also recently been circulated to all members. Malcolm recapitulated the report, with acceptance proposed by Christine Webb, seconded by Kim Jago, and approved by all members.

Approval of Accounts

Dave reminded the members that the Accounts had also been circulated in advance. Treasurer John Bennett provided a brief explanation of the figures, including how the increased membership revenue and Gift Aid reclaim had balanced increases in costs, allowing the subscription fees to remain the same as last year. Approval was proposed by Kris Clark, seconded by Pam Hunter, and approved by all members.

Election of Officers

Dave asked for a vote of thanks to John Bennett (Treasurer) and Terry Powderhill (Webmaster) who were retiring from the Committee after several years of service. A round of applause was given by the audience.

Dave then explained that he would seek approval for the appointment of each Officer in turn. Nominations had been received for himself as Chair, Malcolm Clark as Vice Chair, Neil Harrison as Treasurer and Maria Brown as Secretary. Each was proposed for approval since no others had been received. In each case, the nomination was approved by all members.

Election of the Committee

Committee nominations had been received for Lynne Deyn, Kim Jago, Lesley Hinder, Charlie Plain-Jones, Joyce Powderhill, Annie Rayson, Tony Robson and Brenda Watson. The election of the Committee en-bloc was approved by all members.

Any other business

Dave expressed his thanks and commitment to the members, and praised Malcolm for his long tenure as Chair, leading cheers and applause from the audience.

In return, Malcolm said that he looked back in fondness for his time as Chair, and hoped that South Solihull u3a would continue to thrive.

There being no other business, Dave closed the meeting at 14:38.

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