

Preston and District u3a

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on  
Thursday 20th March 2025 at 1.45 pm  
At Fulwood Free Methodist Church**

<b>In Attendance</b>	Kay Harrison (KH) – Vice Chair Janet Nixon (JN) - Treasurer Sue Holder (SH) – Business Secretary Peter Kitchen (PK) - Membership Secretary Sheena Clowes (SC) – Groups Co-ordinator David Parker (DP) - Beacon Administrator Tony Cheetham (AJC) – Assistant Treasurer Cathy Widdows (CW) – Co-opted committee member Eric Haworth (EH) - Co-opted committee member  <b>There were 108 members in attendance in total.</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	Phil and Margaret Jones, Ben Humphries, Christine Campbell, Sheila Melrose, Laura Mole
	<b>REPORT</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b> 1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  6.	<p><b>Kay</b> (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Members were reminded to turn off their phones.</p> <p>She made a number of brief announcements re. forthcoming events and pointed out that anyone needing to pay their annual subscription could do so by speaking to committee members at the rear (CW/EH/PK).</p> <p>The committee had received neither resolutions nor questions prior to the meeting. Any questions relating to today's meeting can be put to the relevant committee member via the contacts page on our website.</p> <p>The minutes of the last AGM held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 were accepted and signed as a true record: <b>Proposer: Joan Fishwick, Seconder: Tony Cheetham</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p> <p>In her address <b>Kay</b> indicated that there are now approximately 800 members and almost 70 interest groups which cover a wide range of topics. She thanked Group Leaders for all their hard work running these.</p> <p>We have continued to hold 'all member' events throughout the year which have proved popular. This year we are planning to have a Members' and Group Leaders' Coffee Afternoon rather than a Coffee Morning.</p> <p>Kay went on to express the Committee's thanks to the retiring Chair, Tony Cheetham, for his hard work and to point out to members that as yet we do not have a Chair and need a volunteer to step forward to take on the role.</p> <p><b>Janet</b> (Treasurer) explained that the accounts show that, after some years of deficit, Preston &amp; District u3a is now running at a surplus; the overall surplus for 2024 was £3464 while the surplus for the General Fund was £4568.</p> <p>It will still be necessary to monitor the income stream carefully as venues continue to increase their fees. Janet expressed her thanks to the Groups Co-ordinator (SC) for her efforts to locate cheaper venues and in particular, a new venue for the Drama Group resulting in a 50% saving on venue costs.</p> <p><b>The accounts were approved unanimously. Margaret Jones will continue to monitor and approve them annually.</b></p>

7.	<p>The election of Committee Nominees then took place by a show of hands.</p> <p><b>Membership Secretary: Nominee: Cathy Widdows</b> (proposed by B Rawlings, seconded by V Hacking)  <b>For: unanimous, Against: none, Abstentions: none</b></p> <p><b>Members' Representative: Eric Haworth</b> (proposed by S Wright, seconded by G Hughes Jones)  <b>For: unanimous, Against: none, Abstentions: none</b></p> <p><b>Re: Speaker Organiser</b>  Kay explained that by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January no one was nominated for this position. Since then Lyn Perry has stepped forward and she will be co-opted onto the Committee at its next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p><b>Re: Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer</b>  Tony has volunteered to remain on the committee as Assistant Treasurer and Janet is happy to remain Treasurer subject to Member's approval. These were approved unanimously.</p>
Date/ Time Next Meeting	<p>It was agreed that the 2026 Annual General Meeting will be held on:</p> <p><b>Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.45 pm at Fulwood Free Methodist Church.</b></p> <p>Kay then thanked all present and all other members for their support during the past year and closed the meeting.</p>

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD..... *CMace* .....

DATE..... *27/3/2026* .....