

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH u3a

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 25th August 2026 at The Congregational Church Ashby de la Zouch at 2.00pm

- PRESENT 72 members signed in and there were 4 visitors and 2 invited guests namely, the mayor of Ashby Councillor Murrae Blair-Park and Mr John Butler one of the 2 Third Age Trust Council Representatives for the East Midlands Region.
- WELCOME The chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and welcomed the visitors as well. He then welcomed the 2 invited guests mentioned above and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend Ashby's AGM
- APOLOGIES Ian Barnes, Iain Banns, Bill Wilson, Avril Wilson, Bob Baxendale
- MINUTES of last AGM The minutes of the AGM which took place on 26th August 2025 and which had been circulated to the membership in advance as well as being posted on the notice board in the meeting room were approved by a unanimous vote of the members present
- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT This had been circulated with the Notice of the meeting sent to all members. The chair repeated that membership had continued to grow throughout the year and that there were currently 407 members. He also said that the committee continued to heighten the profile of Ashby u3a and that the number of interest groups had continued to grow with 33 different groups now on offer
- TREASURER'S REPORT It was reported that we had a healthy balance in the bank account as evidenced by the audited accounts dated 29th July 2026 and which were published in advance .Members were invited to ask questions about the accounts but none were forthcoming. The chair reminded the meeting that it was necessary to seek approval to the accounts from the membership so a unanimous vote of approval was given
- GROUP COORDINATOR'S REPORT Michael O'Donoghue (Group Coordinator) took the podium and delivered an address to the meeting. He explained that he had taken on the role at the last AGM and that it had been a busy year. He confirmed that the number of interest groups had increased and that he had kept in regular contact with all the leaders of those groups . He thanked the group leaders for all their hard work in organising their respective groups and stated that they were the back bone of the organisation and that it was their hard work that kept Ashby u3a alive and thriving. Michael also made mention of some of the upcoming events happening later in the year.
- ELECTION of officers The chair thanked Michael for his report and moved on to the election of officers to the committee. There had been nominations for the re-election of 3 committee members as follows

NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
John Pilgrim	Adrian Hickson	Tony Smith
Val Reed	Adrian Hickson	Tony Smith
Estelle Sandles	Mike Stow	Tony Smith

All of the above nominees were unanimously elected by members present for a period of 2 years

APPOINTMENT of Finance Reviewer

By unanimous vote of the members present it was agreed that Amanda Roe would be the accounts/finance reviewer for the next 12 months

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Notice had been given of the proposal to amend the constitution by inserting into clause 5ii after the word 'vote' 'at the AGM or any EGM of Ashby u3a and for this purpose member is defined as any fully paid up member, associate member or joint member'. Adrian Hickson proposed the amendment which was seconded by Mike Stow and the proposal was carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

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As there was no further formal business to conduct the AGM was closed at 2.25pm.

ADDRESS from the Mayor

The mayor of Ashby took the podium and gave an address to the members about the high value of respect that the Town Council had for our organisation. It was heartening to hear that our efforts to promote friendship through social interaction, learning and enjoyment were both appreciated and noticed

The chair then thanked the mayor for his kind and encouraging words

There followed an announcement about the forthcoming talk at the September meeting on the subject of Bradgate and Lady Jane Grey to take place on the 22nd September and an invitation to all to partake of tea, coffee and scones in the rear hall and the garden