

**MACCLESFIELD U3A**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**Action**

**1/25 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

52 Members attended the meeting.

**2/25 APOLOGIES**

Ralph Cole  
Eileen Grimes  
Linda Hallatt  
Tony Hallatt  
Philip Harden  
John Hayes  
Margaret Hayes  
Balwinder Kandola  
Mark Langham  
Karina Meachin  
Gillian Pierce  
Ron Pierce  
Jill Smart  
John Smart  
Shirley Stretton  
Kathleen Ward  
David Whalley

**3/25 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 30 April 2024, were agreed.

Proposed by: Alec Johnson  
Seconded by: Charles Mackay

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**4/25 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**5/25 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's Report was presented by John McKellar.

It was noted that the year had gone well. Group leaders and committee members were thanked for their contributions to the smooth running of events, and all Macclesfield U3A members were thanked for their support and evident enjoyment of activities throughout the year.

The number of members had increased by 48 since last year, resulting in a total to date of 495, an increase of approximately 10%.

There were currently more than 40 groups, ranging in size from five to 50 members.

The Chairman advised that in addition to local group activities, events arranged by the wider U3A were also available to Macclesfield members. The Chairman invited anyone interested in working with the wider U3A to contact him.

A U3A North West Region Summer School would be held in Manchester in August, further details of which could be found on both the North West Region and Macclesfield websites.

It was reported that the Macclesfield U3A website had had a thorough makeover earlier this year. Tony Middleton and others involved were thanked for their hard work.

## **6/25 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer, Steve Hodgskiss.

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account for the period to 31 March 2025, together with the Balance Sheet, were circulated and summarised as follows.

### ***Income:***

- Membership subscriptions had been 69% of total income, an increase of approximately £1,100 on the year to 31 March 2024.
- Contributions to venue hire by the higher spending groups had been 24% of total income
- There had been a full programme of ten members' mornings which had raised £530 towards speaker fees and other expenses
- Overall, income had increased by approximately £2,100 to just over £19,100.

### ***Expenditure:***

- Capitation (the amount paid to U3A Headquarters) was £4 per member.
- Group venue hire had been 62% of total expenditure, an increase of £1,500 over the previous year as a result of increased hourly rates and creation of some new groups.
- Total expenditure amounted to £17,400, an increase of approximately £1,800.

### ***Overall Result:***

- A surplus of income over expenditure of approximately £1,700, which had been slightly higher than the previous year.
- Net assets amounted to almost £15,000 at 31 March 2025. This was 85% of annual expenditure which was slightly higher than the target.

### ***Forecast:***

- The budget for the year to 31 March 2026 predicted income rising by 6% and expenditure rising by 22%, leading to an overall deficit of approximately £1,100.
- Venue costs were expected to increase by approximately £3,000. Some of this was a result of hourly rate inflation, but most a result of the start-up of new groups.
- The membership subscription has been fixed at £28 since 2020. It may be necessary to increase the subscription for 2026-27, but a final decision would not be taken until completion of a review of finances in January 2026.

**Independent Financial Examination of Accounts:**

Thanks were extended to Independent Financial Examiner, Kate Bryant, who had confirmed that the accounting records of the Macclesfield U3A had been kept as required and that the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025 agreed with those records.

The Treasurer invited questions from members present. There were no questions.

Agreement of the accounts, as presented, was:

Proposed by: : Marion Grant  
 Seconded by: Brian Franks  
 Agreed: Unanimously

**7/25 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS**

Kate Bryant, Treasurer of Wilmslow U3A was appointed.

Proposed by: Graham Hall  
 Seconded by: Jean Warham  
 Agreed: Unanimously

**8/25 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Chairman noted that all except the Secretary had agreed to remain in post.

It was noted that Marion Grant was standing down after four years of service as Secretary and thanks were extended to her for her work during this period. Marion was presented with a gift from members of the committee.

It was proposed that the following members be elected to serve:

Chair John McKellar

Proposed by: Chris Hewitt  
 Seconded by: Marion Grant  
 Agreed: Unanimously

**Trustees:**

Deputy Chair	Graham Hall
Secretary	Marian Mackay
Treasurer	Steve Hodgskiss
Membership Secretary	Phyllis Thomas

**Committee:**

IT/Beacon	Tony Middleton
Group Leader Co-ordinators	Shirley Stretton and Mandy Orton
Speaker Secretaries	Anna Franks and Diane Styles
Publicity	Alec Johnston
Newsletters	Peter Whitham

Proposed by: Charles Mackay  
 Seconded by: David Burnham  
 Agreed: Unanimously

**9/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**10/25 NEXT MEETING**

Monday 27 April 2026 was suggested as a provisional date for the next Annual General Meeting.

Marian Mackay  
Secretary  
28 April 2025