

MACCLESFIELD U3A
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026

MINUTES

Action

01/26 WELCOME

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

65 members attended the meeting.

02/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Susan	Avery
Robin	Avery
Janice	Brewer
Steve	Chaskin
Moir	Cruikshank
John	Cutter
Val	Cutter
Sarah	Ellis
Philip	Harden
Martyn	Harris
John	Hayes
Margaret	Hayes
Jane	Lancaster
Barbara	Luna Henderson
Helen	McKenna
Andrew	Meachin
Karina	Meachin
Peter	Nash
Jill	Smart
John	Smart
Elizabeth	Smith
Marilyn	Squires
David	Stewart
Dave	Whalley

03/26 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 28 April 2025, were agreed unanimously.

Proposed by: Graham Hall

Seconded by: Alec Johnston

04/26 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

05/26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

John McKellar provided a summary of the year's activities.

Interest Groups

Interest groups had continued to thrive, with two new groups formed: Military Aviation and Politics.

One particular aim for the future was to reduce waiting lists for interest groups.

A new Outings Group had recently been formed, with their first trip a visit to Gawsworth Hall.

Other Events

The Christmas party and Open Morning in March had both been a great success, with the Open Morning resulting in the enrolment of 24 new u3a members. Thanks were extended to all involved with both events.

Everyone was thanked for their energy, kindness and commitment to learning in later life.

Volunteering

Members were encouraged to consider volunteering if they felt able.

Emergency Contacts

Members were asked to advise the Membership Secretary of an emergency contact number to add to their records.

06/26 TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Hodgskiss circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31 March 2026 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026. The following points were highlighted.

Income

Subscriptions were 63% of total income and had increased by £1,107 over the figure for last year.

Group Contributions to Venue Costs were 27% of total income.

The u3a had received a grant of £250 which had been used to fund the Open Morning in March.

Although the Christmas party had only been planned to break even, it had actually made a small profit.

Expenditure

National capitation was £4 per member.

Group Expenditure (Room Hire) comprised two thirds of the total expenditure and had increased by 31% since last year as a result of an increase in the number of groups requiring accommodation for their activities.

Overall, there had been a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,379 which was slightly lower than the surplus for the previous year.

Steve Hodgskiss invited questions.

Angela Ravel requested further information regarding group costs, in particular the “fairness algorithm”.

Steve Hodgskiss provided the following explanation. The income from membership subscriptions pays for all non-group costs, but only some of the group costs. From the £9,000 available to contribute to group costs a 'fairness' calculation makes an allocation to each of the groups which incur costs. The allocated amount is proportional to the average attendance per session per group.

For groups with low costs and/or high attendance the allocation covers all costs and no additional contributions are needed. For groups with high costs and/or low attendance, members make contributions to approximately cover the shortfall between their allocation and their costs.

Balance Sheet

Net assets as at 31 March 2026 amounted to £16,242.

Reserves were healthy.

Subscriptions had remained at £28 per member per year. It was noted that an increase may be required next year.

The Treasurer reported that Kate Bryant, the Independent Examiner, had confirmed that the accounting records of the Macclesfield u3amem had been kept as required and that the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026 agreed with those records.

Thanks were recorded to Kate Bryant.

Thanks were extended to Steve Hodgskiss for his report and hard work during the year.

07/26 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS

Kate Bryant, Treasurer of Wilmslow U3A, was appointed to serve for a further year.

Proposed by: Alec Johnston

Seconded by: Graham Hall

Agreed: Unanimously

08/26 RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The Chairman noted that all officers and committee members had agreed to remain in post.

It was proposed that John McKellar be re-elected to serve as Chairman.

Proposed by: Charles Mackay

Seconded by: Alec Johnston

Agreed: Unanimously

It was proposed that the following officers and committee members be re-elected:

Vice Chair	Graham Hall
Treasurer	Steve Hodgskiss
Membership Secretary	Phyllis Thomas
Secretary	Marian Mackay
IT/Beacon	Tony Middleton
Group Leaders' Co-ordinators	Mandy Orton and Shirley Stretton
Members' Morning Secretaries	Anna Franks and Diane Styles
Publicity	Alec Johnston
Newsletters and Year Book	Peter Whitham
Social Media	Christine Billington

Proposed by: Doug Hughes

Seconded by: Chris Johnston

Agreed: Unanimously

09/26 NEXT MEETING

Monday 26 April 2027.

Marian Mackay
Secretary