Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of Cottingham u3a

held at 2 pm on Thursday 11 September 2025 in the Darby & Joan Large Hall

Members present: Lesley Tempest (in the chair)

Members of the Executive Committee: Karen Baker, Karen Hawtree, Peter Glover, Pam Jackson, Joan Lehain, Trish Phillips-Clarke, Kay Pilling, Jill Robson

85 additional members of Cottingham u3a.

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked members for their attendance.

It was explained that the AGM was a formal requirement and it would be as succinct as possible.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Nikki Abramson, Pat Collard, Leah Corboz, Annie Bourton, Alastair Connell, Jenny Dixon, Gerda Hall, Jo Honeybates, Julie Hayley, Carol Hewitson, Jenny Parsons, Hazel Ward and Linda Wilson.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 24th AGM held on 12 September 2024

Proposed: Judy Groom
Seconded: Sue Tong

AGREED: That the minutes be adopted as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 24th AGM

There were no matters arising.

5. Adoption of Reports

i) Chair's Report: In addition to her report the Chair gave thanks as follows:

- To all the members who work on the Executive Committee, who make Cottingham u3a a vibrant and thriving organisation;
- Special thanks were given to Kay Philling who is standing down from the Executive Committee at this meeting.

ii) Membership Secretary's Report

Karen Baker updated her report with the news that current membership is 340.

iii) Treasurer's Report

Karen Hawtree presented her report and answered a question regarding the delay in receiving the gift aid monies.

AGREED: That the Chair's, membership secretary's and treasurer's reports be adopted following a unanimous show of hands.

6. Acceptance of the Annual Accounts

There were no questions for the Treasurer on the annual accounts and these were accepted by the membership.

AGREED: That the annual accounts 2024-2025 be accepted following a unanimous show of hands and as proposed by Jackie McAndrew and seconded by Steve Clark.

7. Appointment of the Examiner of the Accounts for 2026-2027

It was noted that an examiner had been appointed for the 2026-2027 accounts.

8. Consideration of proposals

The proposal to allow the roles of secretary and treasurer to be held for up to 5 years was agreed by a unanimous vote.

AGREED: that Cottingham u3a Constitution be updated to reflect the change.

9. Election of the Executive Committee

The Secretary reported that officer roles had been nominated by the membership and acceptance was now sought for roles as follows:

Chair: Lesley Tempest
Vice Chair: Joan Lehain
Secretary: Pam Jackson
Treasurer: Karen Hawtree

In addition acceptance was sought for Executive Committee members as follows :

Karen Baker, Pat Collard; Peter Glover, Trisha Phillips-Clarke, Jackie McAndrew and Jill Robson.

This creates a Committee of ten members.

AGREED: that the above members and roles on the Executive Committee be accepted.

10 Date and Time of the 26th AGM

The next AGM will be held on Thursday 10 September 2026 at 2:00 pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and invited members to stay for a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Cottingham u3a. The meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

Signature of Chair …………………………………….. Date ………………………