

Minutes of AGM of Barnstaple Third Age Group, held on Thursday 6th March 2025,
at 10:30am, at Roundswell Community Centre

Those Committee members present:

Keith Luckhurst (Chair), Sue Thomas (Treasurer), Ian Woodward (Business Secretary), Norma Woodward (Minutes secretary), Nigel Wright (Website /Beacon coordinator), Andy Jones.

1.Welcome:

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting, as per agenda and including all recently joined members.

2.Apologies:

Julia Denton (Membership Secretary), Laurence Hillel (Groups Coordinator), Marjorie Keefe, Pamela Bracher, Roger Bray, Ellie Bray and Anita Moss

3.Minutes of previous AGM 6th March 2024:

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous AGM were a true and accurate record of that spoken.

They were proposed by Pauline Markey & seconded by Mike Pagram.

4.Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5.Treasurer's report:

Sue confirmed that as of year ending 31st December 2024, there was £10,143.73 in the bank, prior to paying the annual membership renewal fees to National Office. Many members are choosing to pay via the BACS system. Groups continue to be self funding, however, we are able to assist set up costs of new groups. The Christmas lunch and coffee mornings are also supported. The intention is to keep subscriptions cost to £10 for full members and £2 for affiliated members, with the cost of coffee mornings remaining at £1 per person. £4 of every subscription is forwarded to national office

Sue thanked Mike Blower for examining the accounts, and for his advice and guidance throughout the year.

6.Chairman's report:

Keith said we are fortunate to have an efficient and professional fun committee, and he introduced the members present, thanking them for their individual involvement and roles. Most members have conveyed that they are happy to continue in post, however, Ian is stepping down as Business secretary and a replacement is sought. Ian has said he will remain on the committee to ensure a smooth transition replacement into post.

Keith confirmed that the committee intends to extend this forthcoming financial year to end of year March 2026 in order to bring us in line with National Office. Anyone joining in 2025-2026 will have the benefit of an additional free 3 months added to their membership.

Keith said he is happy to remain as Chairman.

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Christine Svensson Proposed the committee run for a further year and this was seconded by Jenny Crook

Keith confirmed that we currently have 289 members and 29 groups.

Sadly the science group folded as no new leader has come forward to run this. We have a new evening dinner group, and sadly the Rummikub and Canasta groups have to close due to the leader's medical reasons. Keith thanked all group leaders for their hard work.

Keith advised that we are in our 42nd year.

He extended his thanks to Linda Southgate, our speaker secretary, the kitchen staff and also issued a plea for more volunteers. Thanks to Christine and Julia, and Rita and Bryan who manage front of house at every coffee morning. Thanks to the tech boys, Geoff, Fray and Austin. And a big thank you to a Lynne Dickinson who spends at least 2 full days compiling and writing our monthly newsletter.

Keith had worked out that our volunteers give a total of around 15,000 hours a year.

7.AOB:

No points were raised from the floor.

8.Next meeting:

The date of the next AGM will probably be in June 2026, but this will be announced in the newsletter and on the website.

9.Close of meeting:

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:50am.