

Minutes

Jenny Kay Chair welcomed everyone for our AGM

APPOLOGIES

Wendy Rayner

Haydn Watkins

Mollie Antrobus

THOSE PRESENT

Brian Kay Wilson Carson Vi Walker Sarah Osbourne (The Arbory)

Jenny Kay G Storey Angela Morris Joyce Baughen Liz Murray

Penny Curtis Ailing Gill (TVBC) Sue McNamara Alison Milbourne

Dan Langridge (BBC) Mike Taylor Fred North Wendy North

Allan Gregory Barbara Gregory Sheila Cowap 20

Jenny started the meeting with the last minutes the AGM 2025

There were no matters arising therefore the minutes were signed as correct.

Fred North gave the Treasurer's report on the state of the Accounts for the year ending April 2026

Chairs / Secretary's report

Jenny started her report with the sad news that Mollie Antrobus would be standing down from the Committee and organising the Full of Life event. She was not able to attend and Jenny had wanted to present her with a voucher for Tea for Two at Hilliers Garden Center and therefore would take the present round to her after the meeting.

Jenny announced that there would be resignations from Jenny Kay, Brian Kay, Wendy Rayner, Mollie Antrobus and Wilson Carson although willing to help with advice, he felt he could no longer take on the many tasks needed to run the website. Jenny asked the floor first if there was anyone ready to come forward to fill the vacancies before going onto the formal part of the Committee vote.

In the light of so many positions vacant and no one coming forward to take up these positions, a discussion was needed as to the future of the Forum.

It was discussed at length with no viable solutions and the members agreed that it would be better to close a.s.a.p rather than fade out!

Jenny had to announce therefore it was a sad day for the Forum but the would be closing for good. Fred North suggested that the longest running members of the Committee could get together to discuss and finalise the close of AOPF.

Jenny said she would notify ACC to cancel the 2 bookings for the room hire.

We broke for tea

Unfortunately our Speaker did not turn up and there was no apology from him!

We then had a discussion lead by Ailing Gill instead on scams and what to look out for such as cold callers, doorstep callers and computer scams.

Dan Langridge made the suggestion that it would be sad to just close the Forum with so few of the Committee able to attend and would like to put on an afternoon tea at a venue to be discussed between the Committee and Dan. This hopefully will be arranged in the next few weeks to say a proper good bye.

Karen Campbell then had her excellent raffle with special prizes donated by AOPF.
Jenny Kay thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 4.15pm