

Minutes of The Arts Society–Woking 35th AGM held on 12th November 2024

1. Apologies

Received from J.Foster.

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

Approved on a show of hands – proposer I.Mcfarlane, Seconder M. Reid

3. Matters Arising

No Matters Arising.

4. Chairman's Report

T. Walters (Chairman) thanked the committee individually for their dedicated support and hard work. Thanks to M.Peel for continued AV support; to Katherine for the refreshments each month and Kris for support on Gift Aid.

He noted that it had been a successful third year at Normandy Village Hall with some excellent talks and visits.

The Society has healthy finances enabling support for two local charities viz: the halow Project with Watts Gallery and The Therapy Garden in Normandy. Gift Aid declarations assisted us in our ability to donate. Membership numbers are noted as stable at 150. He reiterated the importance of acquiring new members (and retaining the existing members). Members are encouraged to bring friends to the meetings.

5. To Received Examined Accounts

Reserves are c £16,000 of which £10,000 is in a high interest account until end July 2025.

6. J. Gill was re-elected as Independent Financial Examiner.

7. Individual committee members presented their reports which had been included in the pre meeting papers.

8. As per constitution, having served for more than three years as chairman T. Walters had to be re-elected as Chairman at the AGM. Proposer M.Reid, Seconder M. Peel,. Approved on a unanimous show of hands.

All current committee members were re-elected. James Margary was elected to Vice Chairman.

Bob Ryder volunteered and was co-opted to take over the Programme Secretary role in planning the 2026 programme commencing in March. He will take over formally from C.Wiskin and G. Wiskin at the next AGM.

9. R. Reid said that she feels honoured to be President of a thriving arts society and thanked Trevor Walters for his leadership, without whom our Society would not be what it is today.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.15 a.m..

Pam Jordan, Secretary