



2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5th October 2026 at 10.30 at St John's Waterloo

Minutes

Present - Giles Goddard (Chair), David Clarson (Secretary), Max Weiner (Treasurer), Georgie Bell, Joanna Bold, Caroline Bryant, Warren Forsyth, Nathan Jones, Ken Hamilton, Carole Milner, Jenny O'Neill, Hugh Player, Cait Saunders, Jenny Stiles, Rachel Tomlin, Alex Tosh, Adrian Trett, Sarah Vargerson, Liz Sillett (online).

Apologies for absence – Val Beirne (P), Suat Binkaya (P), Joe O'Meara (P), Jackson Bylett (P), Patrick Christie (P), Liz Clarson, Paul Cons (P), Nic Durston (P), Charlotte Glazier, Robin Goodchild (P), Robert Hayward (P), Tim Hollins (P), David Hopkins (P), Ted Inman (P), Michael Johnson, Kate Poulter (P), Mike Sprinz (P). P = submitted Proxy vote to the Chair or Secretary, 13 in total.

1.0 Welcome – Giles Goddard (Chair) welcomed all present to the AGM of SoWN. He declared the meeting quorate (the Constitution requires the greater of 10 or 2% of the membership). He went on to explain that the AGM will deal with those items required by the Charity Commission, and the responsibilities of the Trustees. There will be a fuller Annual Report of the Steering Group due to be published shortly.

2.0 Minutes of the AGM held on October 2025 – circulated before the meeting
Approved

3.0 Review of the Annual Report – circulated before the meeting

- 3.1 David Clarson gave verbal reports on areas of activity during the year as outlined in the Annual Report.
- 3.2 The Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed and approved unanimously.

4.0 Accounts for period ending 31st March 2026

- 4.1 The draft 2025/26 Annual Accounts were presented to the meeting as prepared by the Independent Examiner.
- 4.2 The Adoption of Accounts was proposed and approved unanimously.
- 4.3 It was again noted that securing future funding, particularly when the NCiL funding came to an end, was vital for SoWN to performing its role in the Community.

5.0 Election of the Board of Trustees

- 5.1 One third of the Trustees are required to retire each year. Trustees are eligible to serve for three consecutive three-year terms. At least 50% of the Trustees should be residents.
- 5.2 **Suat Binkaya and Max Weiner** are retiring, by rotation. They have all offered themselves for re-election.
- 5.3 In-year resignations: **Bushra Iqbal and Daniel Fulvio**. They were warmly thanked for their contributions as Trustees.

- 5.4 Further nominations - **Cait Saunders** from Coin Street
- 5.5 The election of the above Trustees was proposed and approved unanimously.
- 5.6 The Trustees for the forthcoming year
- Suat Binkaya** – business representative (first year of a third term)
 - Michael Johnson** resident and business representative (third year of a second term)
 - David Clarson** - resident (second year of a third term)
 - Giles Goddard** – resident and community organisation representative (second year of a third term)
 - Max Weiner** – resident (second year of a second term)
 - Liz Sillett** – business representative (third year of a first term)
 - Cait Saunders** – community organisation representative (first year of a first term)
- 5.7 The Chair said that suggestions of people, or offers to serve, as Trustees is always welcome.
- 5.8 He went on to remind the meeting that he and David Clarson were entering the second year of their third term of office and attention needs to be given to their replacements as most of the leadership and administrative works is undertaken by them.

6.0 Any other business

- 6.1 There being no further any other business the meeting closed with Giles Goddard thanking everyone for attending and their support. Without an enormous amount of volunteer commitment and time, and support by members, SoWN could not achieve all it does.