Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting
(APPROVED)

Held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 2.30 p.m.
at Petersfield Community Centre

Chair: Charles Price, Chair of the Management Committee

1. **Chair's Welcome and Apologies**

Charles Price, Chair welcomed 139 members to the meeting, and extended best wishes to Jenny Thwaites, Vice-Chair, who was unavoidably absent.

Apologies were received from 21 members: D.J. Cummerson, Dr John Hughes, Terence and Valerie Connor, Brian Mayo, Peter Ball, Di Brooks, Jan Mallett, Ron Wilder, Frances Dourty, Jane Cummins, Madeline Fox, Janice Johnson, Jan Peskett, Stephanie Wainwright, Mary Vincent, Richard Howes, Dorothy Howes, James Deane, Beryl Savill, Frances Press. Nine included proxy votes.

2. **Notice of the Meeting issued 6 October 2025**

This was taken as read.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting, held on 11 November 2024**

Charles Price noted that a reference to 'direct debits' in the draft minutes has been amended to read 'standing orders'. The Minutes were unanimously approved by members and signed by the Chair.

4. **Chair's Annual Report for the year to 31 August 2025**

Charles Price spoke to his report, highlighting two points. He noted the desirability of conducting a holistic review of Petersfield u3a's communications systems, and invited members to contribute. He also commended the developing network of interest groups led by Jenny Stevinson, involving regular meetings of group convenors. The report, proposed by Rose Noonan and seconded by Jenny Stevinson, was approved unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report and Receipt of the Annual Accounts**

Greg Cumming, Treasurer, explained that the final accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have not yet been approved by the Independent Examiner. Once finalised and approved by the Trustees, they will be posted on the website. Greg explained that, as assets remain in the region of £34,000, the incoming Management Committee will be looking at ways to spend wisely to reduce the surplus; last year, some additional expenditure was incurred by the 30th Anniversary event and a Convenors' Lunch. He also reported that during the year changes made by CAF Bank have caused certain issues, and that Petersfield u3a's internal financial management systems are being updated, driven by the Treasurer in conjunction with the IT team. Greg explained that he plans to

resign as Treasurer during the year, to be succeeded by Gary Butler. There were no questions.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Duncan Wright, seconded by Roy Hubber and endorsed unanimously. Rodney Clark proposed thanks to Greg Cumming for his three years as Treasurer, which was also agreed by all.

6. **To note resignations from the Management Committee:**

Charles Price noted the resignation during the year of Pauline Kneen, noting that she had carried out some very good work in a short time.

7. **Re-election of Management Committee members:**

The following members of the Management Committee, having been proposed and seconded previously, were elected unanimously for a further year:

Jenny Thwaites
Greg Cumming (Treasurer)
Rose Noonan (Secretary)
Sandy Stephens
Peter Lake
Bernice O'Reilly
Doreen Challen
Titian Fleming

8. **Election to the Management Committee (both previously co-opted)**

Tim Willans and Peter Clist were elected unanimously to the Management Committee, having been proposed and seconded in advance.

9. **Election of Chair of the Management Committee**

Bernice O'Reilly presented Jenny Thwaites's apologies for her absence before introducing her on video. Jenny explained that she has agreed to act as Chair for one year while other members of the new Management Committee become familiar with their roles. Bernice O'Reilly and Rose Noonan will continue in their current roles, while shadowing Jenny with a view to taking over as vice/joint Chairs in due course. Jenny thanked Charles Price, as outgoing Chair, for his significant role in steering the organisation through difficult times, and emphasised her wish that existing projects will continue, and Petersfield u3a will remain a happy organisation in which members can contribute and thrive.

10. **Any Other Business**

In response to a question, it was clarified that the decision whether to appoint a President is at the discretion of the trustees.

11. **Close of Meeting**

Duncan Wright offered a vote of thanks to Charles Price. Peter Lake presented a gift to Charles, along with Petersfield u3a's warm wishes.

The meeting concluded at 3.10 p.m.
Date and Time of Next AGM: **9 November 2026**
DC 10/11/2025

Chair's signature: **Date:**