

Sedgefield Arts, Recreation and Community Association CIO

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th June 2026 at 8.0 pm Ceddesfeld Hall.

Present: - **Chair** Wendy Gill (WG)
 Treasurer Dudley Waters (DW),
 Secretary Pat Buckley (PBA)

Minute	Discussion / Decision
1.0	Apologies: - Allan Blakemore, Angus Hearmon, Jamie Hinde
2.0	Roll Call of members present – 30 members present.
3.0	Declarations of Interest: - None to declare.
4.0	Minutes of AGM held 20th June 2025 – Accepted as a true record with no matters arising – proposed by Tony Guest, seconded by Peter Hinde
5.0	Annual Report: - Dr. W. Gill presented the Annual Report (copy attached to minutes), it was agreed to accept the report and forward to Charity Commission. Members congratulated both Dr W.Gill and fellow Trustees for the successful year.
6.0	Annual Accounts:- The Treasurer presented the audited Annual Accounts. They had been formally presented and adopted by the Board, and for information only. DW highlighted high expenditure during the year and that our utility and cleaning charges were rising. Charging sections for committee meetings, not AGMs, was questioned but it was stated that balancing rising building costs with charges to members and renting groups was an increasing challenge. No other matters were raised by members present.
7.0	Notice of Motion: - Proposed Mrs. P. Buckley-Atkins, seconded Mr. Robinson and agreed to continue to defer clause 18 of the constitution recommendation on trustees standing down after 9 consecutive years.
8.0	Retiring Trustees: The four retiring trustees had agreed to stand for re-election.
9.0	Election of Treasurer and Secretary – only 1 valid nomination for each post. Elected unopposed to serve till 2026: Treasurer Mr. D. Waters, Secretary Mrs. P Buckley-Atkins.
9.0	Election of 4 Trustees for 2026 to 2029. 4 valid nominations were received and therefore elected unopposed: - Chris Gill, Wendy Gill, Sarah Guest, John Robinson
12.0	Items submitted by members for consideration – None
13.0	Section Reports: - Reports were given on behalf of sections; Bridge, Local History, Lyrics and Junior lyrics, Uniformed Services, Pop-in, Craft, Handbell Ringers, Squash, Bar.
14.0	Date of 2026 Annual General Meeting:- 17th June 2027

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.