

CHARLTON & BLACKHEATH AMATEUR HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on

Monday 17th February 2025 at Charlton House SE7

commencing at 7 pm.

President: Nicolas Bevan

Chair: Stella Butler

Treasurer: Kathy Aitken Secretary: Chris Bartleman

1. President and Chair's Welcome: The President welcomed members to the AGM and said it was an important event in our calendar and an opportunity for members to respond and give their views and comments.

2. To confirm the minutes of the 2024 AGM: The minutes were approved as a true record.

3. To receive the Chair's review of the year: Stella reported we had had a very successful year. We'd had our shows, plant sales and speakers and well attended meetings throughout the year. She did a presentation of her review

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The President thanked Stella for all she has done for the society.

4. To receive Treasurer's report of the year: Kathy presented a high level summary and said we had had a very good year. We had made a modest £585 profit and almost doubled our income from our plant sales events and the Old Pond Garden project had a very successful year winning both gold and judges award at RHS London in bloom. Now approaching its 5th year from from 1 April 2025 the Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust will take on the volunteer admin and future funding applications will be in their care. The plant sales income is down to our members for providing plants. Kathy will not be standing in 2026 and she would like a member to shadow her for a year so they can get to know the role of treasurer.

Terry asked if we could change our charity, which is the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice, to a different one so that we could donate to different charities, Kathy agreed to ask members preferences in a future meeting.

The President thanked Kathy for all her hard work.

5. To set the subscription and meeting charge for the coming year: there has been a small increase in subscriptions to £12 and we have a £2 meeting charge.

6. To elect officers and committee for the coming year: The President then conducted the election of Officers and members for the coming year. Election of Chair, Stella Butler is standing down and Vija Vilcins has put her name forward for Chair, Annie Hart proposed and Fran

Alderson seconded electing Vija Vilcins as Chair and agreed unanimously. Election of Treasurer, Terry Graham proposed and Sharon Cass seconded electing Kathy Aitken as Treasurer and agreed unanimously. Election of Secretary, Annie Hart proposed and Anna Lainé seconded electing Chris Bartleman as Secretary and agreed unanimously.

Stella Butler, Anna Lainé and Lynda Fean are standing down.

The remaining committee members were all willing to stand for another year. Pat Kane, Kay Pemberton, Angela Burr, Maggie Taylor, Melanie Aspey and Mandy Allen. Kathy Aitken proposed and Terry Graham seconded. The President declared all names duly elected, he said the society was grateful to all the committee members for standing.

7. To receive and agree proposals for revisions to the Constitution of the Society:

The amendments to the constitution will start from 2026. There was a proposal and members agreed.

8. To present the show table cup: The President presented the show table cup to Annie Hart who came first. Terry Graham came second and Pat Kane came third..

9. Any Other Business: There was a question about the membership cards and we said we hoped to have them soon, we needed to put the committee's names on.

A member thanked Pat and said she found her Tips of the Month very useful.

Members were reminded that they can still be helpers without having to stand on the committee.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm and the President declared the AGM closed..