

# The Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting of the Boundless Leeds Group

## Held on 23rd April 2025

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1. Attendance:** Mike Johnson (Chair), Hazel Giles (Secretary), Sheilagh Dickinson (Treasurer) Pauline Johnson and Ian Baxter (Committee). In total 17 members attended.
- 2. Apologies:** Alan Swift, Beryl Lee and Jocelyn Brooks.
- 3. Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> AGM were signed and agreed to be a true record. The minutes were proposed by Pauline Johnson and seconded by Steve Rowe.

#### 4. Chair's report

Mike Johnson stated that he was elected as Chair at the last AGM in 2024. He put on record our thanks to Alan Swift for his past service. Here is a summary of events since he took over.

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| April     | Last year's AGM was followed by a very interesting talk by a representative of the War Graves Commission.  |
| May       | Saw us on a walking treasure hunt in Tadcaster. Cold but very enjoyable.   |
| June      | The sun graced us for a lovely walk around Birstwith Hall Gardens, followed by a lovely cup of tea on the terrace.   |
| July      | We were walked around Beckett Street Cemetery by Alun Pugh, who told us some very interesting stories. This was followed by a visit to The Thackray Medical Museum for lunch.                            |
| September | This month saw us finally back at our favourite venue for a lovely talk by Geoff and Gillian Moorhouse. The title of the talk was 'Dogs for Good'. Their dog Pammie was definitely the star of the show! |
| October   | Alun Pugh stepped into the breach when our speaker let us down. Alun told us some amusing, and somewhat surprising stories of his time as a school teacher!  |
| November  | We had the most enjoyable talk from Neil Hanson entitled 'Inn at the top'. Neil regaled us with very amusing stories about his time as landlord of The Tan Hill Inn.                                     |
| December  | Saw a VERY well attended, extremely enjoyable Christmas meal at Hazlewood Castle.  |

He thanked the committee members for all the work involved in planning and organising these events and said he looked forward to seeing everyone at our regular monthly meetings.

The Chair's report was proposed by Sheilagh Dickinson and seconded by Steve Rowe.

## 5. Treasurer's report

### Financial statement 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Brought Forward	849.17		
Imprests	2650.00	Events	1680.99
Events	1775.50	Premises	1577.56
Raffle Income	205.00	Entertainment	330.00
		Travel	220.20
		Raffle	74.58
		Volunteer/misc	600.00
Total	5479.67	Total	4483.33
Balance at Santander	654.92		
Cash in hand	341.42		
Total c/fwd to 01.01.25	£996.34		

Once again, a large part of our expenditure goes on room hire and payment for speakers, both of which increase from time to time and we are in fact seeing some of our speakers setting their own fees and to date the increases have not been unreasonable.

The Imprests received from Brighton cover these costs together with such things as stationery expenses, committee meetings and travel. Our potential budget request for 2024 was £3200 as you will see we have in fact stayed well within budget at £2600.00.

Other events such as bowling, visits to gardens etc and our annual Christmas lunch are based on self-funding, though any unintentional shortfall is covered by the imprests received. For this reason, we try now to do outdoor events as self-drive as coach hire always seems to result in an event loss.

These accounts have been balanced for approval by Boundless and ask that they be formally approved and accepted by the members.

The Treasurer's report was proposed by Ian Baxter and seconded by Ian Slack.

## 6. Election of Officers

Chairperson – Michael Johnson

Secretary – Hazel Giles

Treasurer - Sheilagh Dickinson

Committee – Alan Swift, Ian Baxter and Pauline Johnson

Proposed en bloc by Mike Rome and seconded by Ian Slack

**Any other business**

- Group Charter  
The Group Charter was signed by the Chair.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed .....

Dated .....