

**Minutes of the 2026 Annual General Meeting of  
the Association of Guernsey Charities LBG ("AGC")  
Held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Princess Royal Centre for  
Performing Arts,  
St Peter Port, Guernsey at 7.00pm**

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| Present: | Mr Wayne Bulpitt    | Director & Chair      |
|          | Ms Charlie Cox      | Director & Vice Chair |
|          | Mr John Brewer      | Director & Secretary  |
|          | Ms Gillian Gill     | Director & Treasurer  |
|          | Mr Steve Byrne      | Director              |
|          | Ms Bella Farrell    | Director              |
|          | Ms Karen Marshall   | Director              |
|          | Ms Alexa Moore      | Director              |
|          | Mr Malcolm Woodhams | Director              |

Representatives of members listed at Annex 1

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| In Attendance: | Ms Kristin Dowling | Development Officer |
|                | Ms Karen Solway    | Administrator       |

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| Apologies: | Guernsey Sports Association for the Disabled |
|            | The Guernsey Specials Club                   |
|            | La Société Guernesiaise                      |

### **Chair**

Mr Bulpitt chaired the Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.4 of the AGC's Articles of Association and welcomed Patron Sir Richard McMahon, Charity Lead of the States' Policy & Resources Committee Deputy Steve Falla, chief executive and head of the public service Boley Smillie, commissioning lead Stephen Roberts, Guernsey Registry special advisor Lois Falla and officers of the UK Social Value Portal.



Mr Bulpitt noted that the Meeting would comprise items of ordinary business, being reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and the election of directors, along with an item of special business, to be followed by presentations from Deputy Steve Falla, and Nathan Goode of the Social Value Portal.

### **Minutes of 2025 AGM**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 had been previously circulated and were taken as read. It was resolved that the minutes be approved as a true and fair record of that meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

Mr Brewer raised the matter of resolutions previously passed at the December 2022 Extraordinary General Meeting of the former unincorporated Association of Guernsey Charities ("**Former AGC**"). Following incorporation of the AGC by its Founder Members in December 2022, members of the Former AGC were granted membership of the AGC to the intent that (a) membership of the AGC should substitute their membership of the Former AGC in all respects, (b) the AGC should succeed to the assets, liabilities and all other rights and obligations of the Former AGC, upon which (c) the Former AGC should be wound up and dissolved. The Notice of AGM included a resolution intended to confirm these steps and ratify actions taken by the AGC Board in fulfilling the same.

In response to a question from Mr Gollop, Mr Brewer confirmed that the rights and privileges of those members of the AGC which were members of the Former AGC upon incorporation of the AGC remained unaffected.

Upon being proposed by Mr Brewer and seconded by Mr Bulpitt, it was resolved that, in consequence of members of the Former AGC having been granted membership of the AGC and the AGC having succeeded to the assets, liabilities and all other rights and obligations of the Former AGC as contemplated, the Former AGC be wound up and dissolved and further, that any and all acts of the members of the Council of the Former AGC in pursuance of the AGC succeeding to its assets, liabilities and all other rights and obligations be and are ratified and approved in all respects.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms Gill introduced the 2025 Annual Accounts of the AGC and its fundraising platform The Guernsey Giving Trust. The AGC had recorded income of £74,513 (2024: £81,011), expenditure of £82,091 (2024: £88,779) and total funds of £36,392 (2024: £43,971). The Trust had recorded total donations of £270,520 (2024: £268,231), expenses of £1,744 (2024: £1,958) and had distributed £267,183 (2024: £265,225) to member charities.



Prior to approval by the Board, the AGC's accounts had been reviewed by David Clark FCA and the Trust's accounts had been reviewed by Gill Morris ACA, CTA, both of whom were accorded a vote of thanks. It was resolved that the AGC's 2025 Annual Accounts and the Guernsey Giving Trust's 2025 Annual Accounts be adopted.

### **Chairman's Report**

Mr Bulpitt formally welcomed Patron Sir Richard McMahon, Charity Lead of the States' Policy & Resources Committee Deputy Steve Falla, States Deputies attending on behalf of member charities, chief executive and head of the public service Boley Smillie, commissioning lead Stephen Roberts, Guernsey Registry special advisor Lois Falla Patron and officers of the ODPa, before proceeding to highlight key points and achievements from 2025 -

- Increased numbers of members - membership had increased by 19 and now stood at 330, of which 85% are volunteer-led.
- Increased number of events - some 140 members had been engaged through 42 events which had been attended by 950 people.
- Improved online support services - the revamped app "volunteer.gg" had had 75,300 page views and resulted in 676 new registrations of interest to volunteer and 278 volunteer roles advertised by 90 members and the "giving.gg" platform payment system had been improved through an upgraded AGC website.
- Building support for charities in Alderney – building on visits in recent years to identify local needs in Alderney, local development officer Nicky Burland had been appointed with generous support from Lloyds Bank Foundation of the Channel Islands.
- Championing the Third Sector during the 2025 States election - this had been a particularly significant achievement with all but one of the 38 new elected Deputies committing to support the AGC's manifesto "asks".

Feedback from members through a carefully crafted sector survey through which 1/3 of the membership had responded had been exceptionally positive: 83% of respondents felt the AGC's training had increased their understanding and confidence and 84% of respondents felt that the AGC's events had helped them connect with like-minded organisations. However –

- Notwithstanding a relatively steady funding outlook, the issue of financial sustainability remained the dominant challenge for 1/3 of respondents.
- Although recruitment of volunteers was improving and resulting in the provision of 20,650 hours per month (the value of which exceeded £3 million annually) there remained challenges in finding suitable trustees prepared to accept the demands of a combined ODPa, Registry and Revenue Services increased regulatory burden.



Priorities for 2026 would be shaped around the four pillars of supporting members in the running of successful organisations, encouraging more effective volunteering, leading the charitable sector in the drive to become more financially sustainable and securing the AGC's own longer-term viability.

Mr Bulpitt had met with the CEO of the Association of Jersey Charities and identified opportunities for sharing successful initiatives and pooling of resources.

In response to questions on his report and raised as Any Other Business, Mr Bulpitt -

- Noted that a recent meeting with senior law officers to discuss measures to secure the release of significant funds held as dormant assets had been positive and a resolution was expected before year end.
- Noted the advantages of encouraging regular charitable contributions through a paycheck deduction mechanism, arrangements for which were already in place in isolated instances in the private sector.
- Acknowledged and would press the merits of encouraging States Deputies to apply time towards volunteering in charitable work.
- Acknowledged the sense in advocating for any further, future regulatory requirements to be drawn up in clear and concise manner and to be the subject of a co-ordinated approach through relevant regulatory entities.

### **Election of Directors**

The Board had appointed Karen Marshall as Director, Charlie Cox as Director and Vice Chair, and John Brewer as Director and Secretary during the year until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting pursuant to power granted by Article 9.4 of the AGC's Articles of Association. All three Directors now offered themselves for election to hold office until the conclusion of the 2029 AGM.

It was resolved that Ms Marshall, Ms Cox and Mr Brewer be elected as Directors, each to hold office until the conclusion of the 2029 AGM.

The formal part of the 2025 AGM concluded at 7:36pm and was followed by presentations from Deputy Steve Falla and Nathan Goode of the Social Value Portal, the content of which would be uploaded to the AGC's website and available to members and the public.

Chairman