CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT PENSIONERS' CLUB
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on
Tuesday 29th April 2025 at
The Holiday Inn, Impington, Cambridge

1 Robin Suckling, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Holiday Inn.

2 **Apologies**: Brian Clutterbuck, Joe Flogdell, Patrick Hall, Anne Jennings, Barbara and Peter Mitton and John Nicholson.

3 **Minutes of 29th April 2024 AGM:** The minutes were agreed and signed.
Proposed by Yvonne James and seconded by Cyril Lumley.

4 **Matters Arising:** None.

5 **Chair's Report** (Robin Suckling)**:** The social events have been well attended with the usual mix of trips, lunches, coffee mornings at various locations and venues.

He thanked Peter Chilvers (Vice-Chair), Cynthia George (Secretary), our new Treasurer, Paul Pruden, and committee members for their help and guidance, and Cyril Lumley for looking after the website and GDPR.

The bank has continued its support with club funding which will be covered by Paul in his report.

6 **Secretary's Report** (Cynthia George)**:**
Club membership: Continues to fall with only four new members during 2024 taking the total number as at the end of December 2024 to 233 members.

Social Events: Eleven events were held during 2024:

2	Lunches	Spring & AGM and Christmas Lunch at HI
4	Coffee Mornings	Scotsdales Horningsea and Notcutts
1	Afternoon Tea	Waresley Garden Centre
2	Coach visits to	Waterperry Gardens and a cruise on the River Soar at Loughborough
2	London theatre	Moulin Rouge and Brick Lane Christmas Show

Venues and costs continue to escalate, often with no room to negotiate.

Annual Club Newsletter: This was sent out in December with the Welfare Christmas card and included a copy of the 2024 AGM Minutes.

Email Correspondence**:** Many members have now provided email addresses which speeds up communication. However, unless a non-delivery notification is received then it is assumed the emails arrive at their destination.

Thanks to all of you here today for supporting this lunch and AGM and to all who joined the social events. To continue being a successful and active club we do need full members to come forward to take on the roles of officers, committee members and welfare officers. Taking on any of the roles only means committing a small amount of time to helping the club.

Also thanks to our Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer for their support. Finally, but as important, a thanks to the committee, WOs and Richard our Examiner (Auditor), for their help and support.

7 **Treasurer's Report:** (Paul Pruden)**:** Signed copies of the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 were circulated.

Paul said it was his first report as Treasurer. He had found it challenging getting all the documentation correct with Barclays which had taken many months.

The balance carried forward to 2025 amounted to £9,522.95. The Bank grant continues to be paid annually, and for 2024 was £8,297.30. The accounts show a deficit of £4,505.08 over the amount of the 2024 grant. It is important to note included in these figures are advance payments for tickets for two 2025 theatre shows.

He thanked Richard Nichols, our Club Examiner, for auditing the accounts and presented him on behalf of the club with a small gift.

Questions from the floor on the accounts were invited but there were none.

8 **Club Rules:** Robin Suckling said the committee would like to amend the club rules to allow the Chair and Vice-Chair to continue in office for up to a further two years by which time it was hoped full club members would have come forward to fill these positions. Copy of the club rules had been circulated with the proposed wording for rule 5[a] and 5[b] highlighted:

5[a] Chair to be elected at the AGM for a term of two consecutive years. If no new nomination from a full member to be Chair comes forward after the two year term then the present incumbent may serve for a maximum term of another two consecutive years with the opportunity to be elected for a third two year term. After any term as Chair they must take a two consecutive year break before being eligible to stand again for election.

5[b] Vice-Chair to be elected at the AGM for a term of two consecutive years. If no new nomination from a full member to be Vice-Chair comes forward after the two year term then the present incumbent may serve for a maximum term of another two consecutive years with the opportunity to be elected for a third two year term. After any term as Vice-Chair the incumbent does not automatically have to step-up to being Chair but should be given the opportunity to do so. The retiring Vice-Chair having served up to a maximum of six years to be eligible for a further term after a two year break.

Proposer: Mike Rumbelow Seconder: David Harrison

9 **Election of Officers /Committee/Welfare Officers/Examiner:**
All existing committee members had agreed to continue as well as two new club members had come forward, Sue King and Shirley Nicholson. The Chair asked if there were any members who wished to stand for any of the officer or committee roles but there was no response. To streamline the process an en bloc vote was suggested for each section which was accepted:

Chair	Robin Suckling	***Vice-Chair***	Peter Chilvers
Secretary	Cynthia George	***Treasurer***	Paul Pruden
Examiner (Auditor)	Richard Nichols		

Proposer: Yvonne James Seconded by: David Harrison

Election of the Committee:

Peter Chilvers	Yvonne James	Cyril Lumley	Shirley Nicholson
Cynthia George	Maureen Kimberley	Sue McEvoy	Paul Pruden
Patrick Hall	Sue King	Peter Mitton	Robin Suckling

Proposer: Frank Richards Seconded by: Angela Davies

Election of Welfare Officers: All the committee including the officers and Rosemary Watson.

Proposer: Angela Davies Seconded by: Wenda Harris

10 **Welfare:** The club offers "welfare" help to members and all is dealt with in the strictest confidence. Each member has an allocated welfare officer, if you are unsure who this is then please contact Cynthia. We have no formal training for this role but hopefully we can guide a member who to contact or where to go for advice. The club website has information from Barclays centrally.

11 **GDPR [General Data Protection Regulation]:** Cyril Lumley continues to be the committee member with responsibility for this. This is discussed at committee meetings to ensure any changes to the rules are reviewed and implemented as required. The data the club holds is what you provide when becoming a club member and kept to a minimum. Every effort is taken to protect and store this securely.

12 **Future Social Events for 2025 (Cynthia George):** There have been three social events to date in 2025, a Coffee Morning, London theatre trip to Starlight Express and this lunch.

Already arranged and mailed out to members:
May Coffee Morning and Visit to Jordan's Mill
June Theatre trip to Evita at the London Palladium
July Lunch and trip on the Norfolk Broads
Aug Theatre trip to Milton Keynes, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Sep Visit to Sandringham House

One further date is the Christmas Lunch, Friday 5 December

It is hoped members will continue to support these social events and please let me have ideas for future trips.

13 **Any Other Business:** Peter Chilvers wished to give a vote of thanks to Robin and Cynthia. He said there is an urgent need for full members to help the club by joining the committee and taking over some of the officer roles.

Robin thanked the Holiday Inn staff for making us welcome, for their excellent service and for being able to use their car parking facilities for our coach trips.

He wished all a safe journey home.

Meeting closed 2.55pm

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