

Minutes of the AGM of the Old Blundellian Club held in the Colin Beale Centre on Saturday 14th June 2025

Attendees

Katharine Sendell, Chair (KS), Jonny Ison, Treasurer (JI), Janet Wooff, Secretary (JW), Paul Waterworth, President (PWB), Richard Swarbrick (RJS), Christian Brook (CB), David d'Arcy Hughes (DDH), Jenny Scott (JS), Charles Abram (CA), Alexandra Steel (AS) and Georgia Withey (GW)

Non-committee attendees: John Rees, Nick Swarbrick, Mark Wooff, Peter Ward.

Apologies

Nick Soul, Jessica Mannix, Olivia Pinkney, Tim Bowyer and Anna Crosse

Minutes of the AGM of 22nd June 2024

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda There were none.

Chair's Report.

The Chair's full Report including the activities referred to, can be viewed on the [Meeting Page](#) of the OB Club website.

The Chair was delighted to report on the many activities held by the club this year, supported by the continuing relationship with the FO. Before reporting on many of these events she wished to mark 2 auspicious occasions today. Firstly, marking the 300th anniversary of the first recorded OB meeting held in 1725, noting a new OB Club logo coincides with this and secondly the more widely known anniversary, gathering for OB Day to celebrate 50 years of girls at Blundell's. A timeline has been curated marking the coeducational journey at Blundell's and a number of 'Blundell's voices' video recordings produced, viewable on the dedicated 50 years of girls page the school website. The Chair was also delighted to welcome back Arabella as President for the day.

The Chair took the opportunity to remember a number of the OB community who have sadly passed away this year, but notably Revd David Hamer.

Minutes taken and reported by JW

She also wished to thank the committee for their continuing support, given voluntarily, noting that the focus this year has been investigating and determining how the OB Club moves forward in terms of structure and formal relationship with the FO. She also wished to thank the many helpers who assist with various events and particularly wished to thank Janet, OB Club Secretary, for all the hours she puts into making so many of the events mentioned happen, but also for her continued commitment to building and sustaining our community of Old Blundellians. Finally, she wished to thank former governor, Jessica Mannix who steps down today after many years as the committee's governor liaison officer, a position now held by Anna Crosse.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer spoke to his Report, with the full report available on the [Meeting page](#) of the OB Club website.

The Treasurer highlighted the significant expenditure of over £48,000 for the refurbishment of the Beale Centre. The considerably more than anticipated figure is covered by the build-up of subscriptions held by the school.

Annual income remains around £24,000, noting that not all activities require expenditure, but the addition of VAT on catering has increased the cost to some, particularly those the club supports. The unused income of £3,637 is placed in reserves, giving a balance once the BC refurbishments have been paid, of £10,666.

The Treasurer announced that he wished to step down after 22 years in this role, once all practical and necessary steps have taken place. He however intends to remain an active member of the Ted Crowe Will Trust and Peter Blundell Society (PBS) and briefly mentioned the role of the PBS and TCWT.

Thanks were given by RS and seconded by Mr N Swarbrick and all in the room.

Re-election of Committee Members

There were no committee members due for re-election.

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There were none and the meeting concluded at 10.32am.