



Aviva Fellowship

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Croydon Area

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Horseshoe Pub, 5 Farleigh Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9EG

Wednesday 18 March 2026 – 3.00pm

MINUTES of MEETING

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Rob Hall – Chairman, Maggie Mahoney – Secretary, Viv Murray – Membership Secretary, Pauline Wynn, Chris Hall – Website Manager

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Rob opened the meeting at 3.00 pm and thanked the 24 members who remained after lunch for this new approach to the Croydon Aviva Fellowship AGM. Rob explained there were 2 main reasons for our change of venue, firstly for convenience and secondly to save the Company money.

Before continuing Rob announced the sad news that Brian Welch, our previous Chairman for thirteen years, had died peacefully on 25 February with his family around him.

Rob advised copies of the Agenda and last year's Minutes were available for those without one.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from John Gibbons – Treasurer, Joan Price – Committee Member, and Jacqui Bladon, Alan Emmins, Winnie Huff and Dave Newland.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were distributed together with the Agenda prior to the meeting. They were accepted as a true summary with no questions arising.

The Minutes were proposed by Ann Westerman and seconded by Pauline Wynn.

There were no votes against.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Rob noted we are now in our 24th year of existence and he was pleased to report that 2025 continued to be a relatively successful year for Croydon Fellowship.

At the New Year Lunch Rob observed that a number of local areas were struggling due to lack of support but was pleased to note this is currently not the case with Croydon who were able to offer a varied programme of events in 2025. This was due to the efforts of the Committee and event organisers but especially to Maggie who keeps us all "on our toes".

Rob referred Members to the list of forthcoming events on the regularly updated website.

Rob expressed his thanks to the members of the Committee for giving freely of their time, and to the Event Organisers. In particular he thanked Jackie Husain for the extremely interesting London Walks which she led last year.

Referring to our recent visit to the Royal Courts of Justice Rob went on to publicly express his special thanks to Hilary Kearney for her quick actions in booking a second tour on the same day to allow all the applicants to be accommodated. We had hoped for 20 – 25 applicants, enough for one tour, but the actual number approached 50.

Finally, noting all organisations are subject to budgets, the Fellowship is no exception, Rob explained the Company is reviewing the Fellowship budget and we are awaiting details of any changes that may be made. In this respect the Committee has striven to keep expenses down and by holding the Annual General Meeting after our Spring lunch we are reducing our overall expenses.

There were no questions from the floor.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT (read by the Secretary)

The accounts show that during 2025 our income exceeded our expenditure by £532.16. The accounts have been signed off and were submitted to Head Office in early January.

In 2025 we held 7 lunches, our New Year Lunch, again held at Croham Hurst Golf Club, with 86 bookings and 83 attendees, 2 at the Horseshoe in Warlingham, 2 Italian lunches at Ponte Nuovo in Croydon and 2 fish & chips lunches at McDermott's in Forestdale. The New Year Lunch received a generous subsidy and the other lunches received a subsidy that effectively covered the gratuities.

We also held 24 coffee mornings/breakfast brunches and the ones at Croydon Clocktower Café and Knights Garden Centre were free to members. Free coffee mornings are subject to regular review.

We also organised a museum visit and 2 events at The Royal Albert Hall. The museum visit was to the Cinema Museum. The events at The Royal Albert Hall were a Symphonic Queen Concert and a Carol Concert. These events did not receive a subsidy.

John thanked everyone who organised or helped organise these events.

The 2025 grant from Aviva remained at £3.00 per member and John claimed a grant of £2,034.00 for our membership of 678 as of 1 January 2025.

John claimed our 2024 Christmas / New Year Lunch subsidy of £15 per person based on the numbers for the 2025 New Year Lunch which amounted to £1,290 (these claims are normally made in arrears). I have claimed our 2025 Christmas / New Year Lunch subsidy based on the numbers for the recent 2026 New Year Lunch and that will appear in the 2026 accounts.

General expenses were low, partly due to the good will of the Committee Members and volunteers who have not claimed any personal expenses.

No budget has been set for 2026 and events maybe be subsidised on an event-by-event basis.

Lastly, John thanked all the Committee Members for their help and support during the last year, with particular thanks to Maggie for her post event accounting, the accounting of the float and stamps, and for her help with checking and preparing the final accounts. John also thanked Joan and Rob for signing cheques.

There were no questions from the floor.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Viv advised she had started a full reconciliation of the database to make sure our records and that of XPS are the same. Sadly, she has experienced a personal bereavement and has been unable to finish it yet. But rest assured member details are kept safely and securely in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

The database is updated throughout the year via XPS, and the reconciliation is a double check.

Membership of the Croydon Fellowship, at today's date, is 667 (8 less than last year).

During the whole of 2025 we had 19 new members, 25 members passed away and 9 members moved address and left Croydon area.

Currently, we hold 462 email addresses and 170 mobile phone numbers for our members.

Finally, there are some members with remarkable birthdays coming up this year.

3 members will be 95 (1931) and 8 will be 90 (1936)

These members will be getting a Happy Birthday card from all of us.

There were no questions from the floor.

7. ELECTION/RE-ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

Rob advised the Chairman and Treasurer have reached the end of their terms and the Vice Chairman position is vacant. He called for volunteers to fill these roles but there were no nominations from the floor.

a. Chairman – Rob Hall agreed to stand for re-election as Chairman, proposed by John Whitley, seconded by Pauline Wynn and was elected for a further term of 3 years. There were no votes against.

b. Treasurer – John Gibbons previously agreed to stand for re-election as Treasurer, proposed by Pauline Wynn, seconded by Judy Dumbrill and was elected for a further term of 3 years. There were no votes against.

8. ELECTION/RE-ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rob advised the Membership Secretary and 1 Committee Member have reached the end of their terms and called for volunteers to fill these roles but there were no nominations from the floor.

a. Membership Secretary – Viv Murray agreed to stand for re-election as Membership Secretary, proposed by Judy Dumbrill, seconded by Anthony Cross and was elected for a further term of 3 years. There were no votes against.

b. Committee Member – Joan Price agreed to stand for re-election as a Committee Member, proposed by John Whitley, seconded by Chris Hall and was elected for a further term of 1 year. There were no votes against.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Judy Dumbrill thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

Rob Hall closed the meeting at 3.19 pm.

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