



The Outdoor Partnership's Annual General Meeting

Minutes

25th September 2026 – 10:15am – 10:40 am via Teams

Present:

Trustees	Stuart Wallace (Chair)), Paul Airey (Trustee of Operations and Risk Management), Paul Frost (Trustee of Governance), Katy Woodington (Co-opted Member), Leah Watkins (Trustee of Human Resources), Jo Owen (Trustee of EDI).
Staff team	Tracey Evans (CEO), Mark Jones (Programme Manager), Mali Quaeck (Business Coordinator), Elin Humphreys (Finance Manager), Gary Donaldson (The Sperrins OADO), Victoria Kelly (Southeast NI OADO), Ailish Roberts (North Wales OADO), Sioned Johnstone (West Wales OADO), Bethan Logan (Mid Wales OADO), Brett Mahoney (Gwent OADO), Leila Connolly (Central South Wales OADO), Molly Campion (Coastal Cumbria OADO).
Stakeholder members	A total of 25 stakeholders attended the meeting representing all areas of operation.

1. Welcome

SW thanked everyone for their participation in the EGM and welcomed everyone to what was now the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Copies of all the reports and relevant paperwork were made available prior to the meeting on The Outdoor Partnership website: AGM & EGM 2026 - The Outdoor Partnership.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following Trustees – Joan Edwards (Finance), Margaret Hollings (Commercial & Marketing), Peter Olivier (Observer).

Apologies were also noted from the following stakeholders:

- Edel Trainor
- Robin Thompson
- Nicky Wilson
- Niall Sheridan
- Michelle Thomas
- Caroline Jones



- Jake Cosgrove
- Suzanne Williams
- Fiona Nicholls
- Mari A Jones
- Sarah McCoubrey
- Megan Parker

3. Minutes of the last AGM meeting

The minutes from the last AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record, approved by PF and seconded by PA.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chair's report

The Chair's Report was made available beforehand on The Outdoor Partnership's website. The Chair highlighted the organisation's continued focus on achieving equitable access to outdoor activity for all and on influencing systems change to support this ambition. It was noted that 6,375 people benefited from The Outdoor Partnership programmes during the year, with 147 clubs supported across 13 regions, creating opportunities for more than 7,000 people of all ages. The Chair reaffirmed the importance of maintaining a close connection to programme delivery through regular engagement with Development Officers. Another successful year was reported, with continued ambitions to influence nationally and share learning across Wales and the UK.

The Chair recorded thanks to the Chief Executive Officer, management team, the wider staff team, volunteers, partners and supporters for their commitment and contributions throughout the year.

6. Resignation and Election of Trustees

The Chair reported that the Board had reviewed its structure and agreed to increase the maximum number of trustees from eight to twelve, providing greater flexibility for future appointments. Following the retirement and appointment of trustees, the Board would comprise nine members. One portfolio remained vacant; however, the Board had agreed to pause further recruitment while the current membership became established.

TE noted that no nominations for Trustee from members had been received.



TE provided a brief overview of Trustees standing for election and re-election including their professional background and the skills and competencies they bring to the Board.

The Board proposed the candidates for election and re-election, and seconders were sought from those attending the meeting.

Resolution:

- Paul Frost stood down from the Board following his third term of office.
- Margaret Hollings has completed her first term of office and put herself forward for re-election. PF proposed her re-election and this was seconded by William White.
- Katy Woodington was proposed for election to the Board. Her nomination was seconded by Kelley Rushton.
- Peter Olivier was proposed for election to the Board. His nomination was seconded by William White.

7. Election of chair

SW confirmed his willingness to continue as chair, and TE requested a proposer and seconder from the meeting.

Resolution: Kelley Rushton proposed SW as the chair, which was seconded by PA. SW was subsequently unanimously appointed formally as Chair of the Board for the next year.

8. Financial report and approve annual accounts subject to Audit

The annual accounts were circulated prior to the AGM. No questions were raised regarding the account.

Resolution: William White proposed approval and Paul Frost seconded it as a member. The accounts were unanimously approved subject to audit.

9. Appointment and fixing of remuneration of the Auditors

Tracey proposed continuing with Williams Denton as the organisation's auditors for another year.

Resolution: The appointment and remuneration arrangement were seconded by KW, and JE confirmed their approval. Williams Denton were unanimously appointed as the charity's auditors for the next financial year (2027-2028).

10. Any other business

SW noted that PF had attended their final board meeting and that the AGM was their last as a board member. PF had been involved since the organisation's inception,



previously served as chair, and contributed to the organisation's development and governance.

PF would continue as an ambassador and that the organisation expected to draw on his experience in future activities. TE also acknowledged PF's vision, leadership, friendship and mentoring over more than 20 years.

11. Date of next AGM meeting

The organisation will hold its next annual general meeting in September 2027, with the exact date to be confirmed nearer the time.

SW formally closed the meeting by thanking all the trustees, staff team and stakeholders without whom the charity would not be able to achieve its aims and objectives. Meeting closed at 10:40am.