



The Outdoor Partnership's Extraordinary General Meeting

Minutes

25th September 2026 – 10:00am – 10:15am 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their participation. The purpose of the Extraordinary General Meeting was explained: specifically, to consider alterations and amendments to our Articles of Association.

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
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3. *Matters arising*

There were no matters arising.

4. *Approval of proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association*

PF presented the proposed amendments to The Outdoor Partnership's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

PF explained that the organisation became a charitable company in 2011 and that the existing articles had been reviewed against the Charity Commission for England and Wales model articles. Equivalent provisions were retained, with changes made where greater clarity or alignment was required.

The principal amendments provide for electronic voting and dispute resolution, update employment provisions, clarify conflicts of interest and proxy appointments, increase the maximum number of directors from eight to twelve, and reduce the quorum in line with Charity Commission guidance.

The revised articles had been submitted to the Charity Commission several months earlier, with no queries or objections received by the date of the meeting. The changes were mainly administrative and intended to improve clarity, consistency and efficiency.

No questions were raised. The amendments were proposed by Paul Airey and seconded by Ray Ponting.

Resolution

The proposed changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association were unanimously approved.

5. *Any other business*

No other business was raised, and the EGM was ended. At 10:15am.