

Blackpool Schools and Youth Work
Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Trustees meeting held
on Thursday
6th November 2025 at 7pm at Poulton United Reformed Church

Reports distributed at the meeting and will be issued to supporters with the minutes of the AGM.

Agenda Item		Minutes
1	Welcome	Steve welcomed everyone for coming and led the meeting in prayer. Thanks to be passed on to Poulton URC for hosting the event.
	a. Present	15 people attended the meeting. Register filed with the minutes.
	b. Apologies	Cliff Johnstone, Alan Byrom
2	Notice of AOB	Steve asked if anyone wanted to raise anything not covered by the agenda but no-one mentioned anything.
3	Minutes of the 12th AGM	A copy is on file and was signed as a true record at the Trustees meeting and then distributed.
4	Chairman's Comments	Steve explained the responsibilities of Trustees and emphasised that God leads us through difficult times such as Covid 19 and we are very grateful for the prayer team and the ambassadors who support the work of BSYW.
5	Director's Report and Presentation by members of BSYW team	Helen, has been with BSYW for 10 years and has been delighted to be part of the BSYW family. Referred to Corinthians 15 v 58. Tonight's theme was 'building God's kingdom'. Judy and Craig led prayers for BSYW team, trustees and volunteers. Thanks were given to Sue Richards who retired in March 2025 and a celebration was held at the Baptist Church to mark the occasion. Helen looked back to 2018 when Lunch Clubs, After School Clubs, 29 schools visited and the start of a Christmas Journey were the main activities and how great it was to work with a wonderful vibrant team. Post pandemic rebuilding was scary but with God's support still visiting 29 schools and now have 3 additional schools for Christmas Journey. Reaching 7000 children through the various activities. Sessions are very fast moving to keep the children engaged. Tonight's presentation covered: Assemblies (usually 15-20 minutes): HMS Courage - Action song Barnabas's support and encouragement for Paul Workshop: 1hr sessions based on John 3 v16 Walking Through the Bible Old Testament & Walking through the Bible New Testament - Helen and Amanda and Linda and Dave lead the sessions. Christmas Journey: over 900 children booked in. Volunteers required to assist in setting up/taking down. Building the Temple: Zaccariah 4 v6 Psalm 127. Lots of fun and enjoyment. The team are very grateful for all the support they are given to continue their role in schools.
6.	Treasurer's Report	Sue presented the examined accounts for the year ending 31st August 2025 and these were agreed unanimously. Sue R retired and £545 was collected from supporters for a farewell gift. Binoculars and Amazon vouchers were presented along with gifts from

		the trustees. She thanked everyone for their support financially and by prayer. Bank Balance: £10124.15 (including Deo Gloria grant and Gift aid) Main Points: Income: £37,722.85 Expenditure: £35,380.39 showing a surplus of £2,723. Reserves: 3 months expenditure is held in reserve, currently £9,579.14 Gift Aid: £3,666.25 HMRC: A direct debit is now in place every 3months as the amount has to be a minimum of £1000 which is reflected in the accounts. Grant Applications: Deo Gloria £3,750 was awarded in May 2025.																												
7	Staffing/Volunteers/ Ambassadors	Staff and Volunteers: Steve thanked the staff and the team for all they do to promote the work of BSYW. Jackie and Helen are on the payroll. 8 regular volunteers and always looking for new people to join the team. An administrator would be beneficial and the team to discuss a job description and feedback to the Trustees – two hours per week suggested. Sue to include in the prayer sheet. Ambassadors: list not available but known ones are Mike and Sue, Dave and Linda, Jakki, Cliff Joinson. A relaunch to be created in the newsletter. Website: Mike thanked for his work on this and making it a secure site for which we pay an annual subscription.																												
8	Appointment of Trustees	a. Affirmation of existing trustees - the following trustees were unanimously appointed by those attending. <table><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Proposer</td><td>Seconder</td></tr><tr><td>Chair</td><td>S Kemp</td><td>H Lewis</td><td>C Linekar</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>S Waddington</td><td>L Moss</td><td>C Linekar</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>S LeDieu</td><td>D Moss</td><td>K Smithey</td></tr><tr><td>Trustees</td><td>K Smithey)</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>A Byron)</td><td>S LeDieu</td><td>M Woolmer</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>C Linekar)</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> all appointments were agreed unanimously b. Volunteer trustees – 6 currently but Sandie advised that she would like to step down as secretary and to start thinking of who could take over.			Proposer	Seconder	Chair	S Kemp	H Lewis	C Linekar	Secretary	S Waddington	L Moss	C Linekar	Treasurer	S LeDieu	D Moss	K Smithey	Trustees	K Smithey)				A Byron)	S LeDieu	M Woolmer		C Linekar)		
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9	Appointment of Independent Examiner 2025-26	Alan Hibbert, subject to his health, was duly appointed for the year 2025-26. Agreed unanimously.																												
10	AOB:	None																												
11	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday, 12th November 2026 at 7.00pm at Poulton URC (venue and date to be confirmed by the church).																												
12	Closing Prayer	The meeting closed in prayer and songs led by Linda and Dave at 8.10pm.																												
	Light Refreshments	Everyone enjoyed the refreshments provided by the church.																												

Chair signed as a true record _____ Date: _____