

MEETING NAME	Welwyn Hatfield Liberal Democrats 2025 AGM	Meeting Location:	Red Lion, Hatfield
Meeting Date:	13/10/2025	Meeting Time:	19:30

In attendance (25):

Russ Platt, Jane Quinton, Simon Archer, Sheila Archer, Frank Marsh, Barbara Foster, Nigel Bain, Sandreni Bonfante, Tim Rowse, Paul Zukowskyj, Tony Skottowe, Tony Green, Freja Waterhouse, Adrienne Nix, Jackie Brennan, Richard Griffiths, Alan Reimer, Rebecca Emerick, Elena Protic, Ilie Dumitru, Lis Leyland-Smith, Elena Dumitru, Fauzia Haider, Syed Haider, Traian Pop.

Apologies Received:

Malcolm Cowan, Lynda Cowan, Jean-Paul Skocylasz, Hillary Skocylasz, Helena Goldwater, Duncan Jones, Gemm Moore, Valerie Skottowe, Mary Gilhooly, Ken Gilhooly

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the 2024 AGM Meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 25/11/2024. One correction was made to change '2024 accounts' to '2023 accounts'. The chair apologised that the minutes were brief but asked members to let him know of any additions or corrections.

Reports:

Chair's Report

The meeting began with an opening statement from the Russ Platt who gave a summary of the challenges and successes of the May 2025 County elections and a preview of the 2026 local elections. He also gave a summary of the activities in the party this year including thanking the candidates, organiser, social secretary and Deputy Mayor.

Treasurers Report

The 2024 annual accounts were presented by Simon Archer and were received and approved. Simon stated that the accounts would need to be audited by a person outside of the Exec. Simon mentioned the importance of appointing the new chair who needs to be a signatory on the bank account.

Membership Secretary's report

None given (position vacant)

Data Officer

None given (not required)

County Representative

Paul Zukowskyj gave an update from the County Council and the many successes of the new Administration as a whole, and specifically those within his own portfolio.

Borough Representative

Jane Quinton gave an update from the Borough Council including the successes from the year but also the challenges faced as the smaller part of the Joint Administration.

Town Representative

Tim Rowse Gave an update from the Town Council including the challenges with other party councillors, the Briars by-election success and the Hatfield football saga.

Motions to the AGM:

No motions were presented

Election of Officers and Exec Members:

The Chair explained how the Exec was formed of officers and members and explained that positions would run from January 1st, 2026. The party thanked the outgoing Honorary President for his efforts both in this role and his previous ones. The following were elected to positions:

Position	Appointed	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Frank Marsh	Sandreni Bonfante	Simon Archer
Vice Chair	Sandreni bonfante	Jackie Brennan	Tony Skottowe
Treasurer	Simon Archer	Paul Zukowskyj	Tomy Skottowe
Secretary	None		
Data Officer	Jane Quinton	Michal Siewniak	Barbara Foster
Membership Secretary	Jackie Brennan	Jene Quinton	Sandreni Bonfante
Diversity Officer	Helena Goldwater	Tony Skottowe	Frank Marsh
Honorary President	None		
County Rep	Paul Zukowskyj	Sandreni Bonfante	Adrienne Nix
Borough Rep	Russ Platt	Michal Siewniak	Fauzia Haider
Town Rep	Tim Rowse	Traian Pop	Richard Griffiths
Campaign Lead	None		
Organiser	Freja Waterhouse		
Ordinary Member	Valerie Skottowe	Tomy Skottowe	Russ Platt
Ordinary Member	Richard Griffiths	Sandreni Bonfante	Simon Archer

AOB:

No other business was raised

Date of Next Meeting:

19th October 2026 (Provisional)

Minutes Prepared by:

Russ Platt, 13/10/2025