Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hexham Local History Society, 12 November 20234 at Trinity Methodist Church, Hexham.

The meeting was attended by 58 people, including four visitors.

Welcome: The Chairman, Mark Benjamin, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He said that this would be his last year as Chairman and also his last serving on the committee. He pointed out that there was every chance that, sadly, there would be no outings in 2025 since no-one had volunteered to organise them.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Terry Eccles, Mark Hatton, Jean Oxford & Glenice Reed.

2. **The Minutes:** of the 2023 AGM had been circulated. Acceptance was proposed by Alan Grint and seconded by Jennifer Britton.

3. **Matters arising**:

    - Mark Benjamin told the meeting that the sad and untimely death of Ian Hancock meant that the transition to CIO had been postponed.
    - He also announced that the proposed rise in subscriptions was to be put on hold until 2026.
    - Julia Grint thanked Mark Benjamin on behalf of the society for his years of service both on the committee and as chairman.

4. **The Secretary's report** for the past year had been circulated and was accepted by the members present

5. **The Treasurer's report** for the past year had been circulated and was accepted.

6. **The Committee**: there had been nominations for new committee members and officers. These were accepted by members.

1 Chairman – Christine Hanley
2 Vice Chairman – Jane Harrison
3 Treasurer – Mark Hatton
4 Secretary – Julia Grint
5 Webmaster – Steve Tinkler
6 Publications Officer – Terry Eccles
7 Membership Secretary – Yvonne Purdy
8 Editor HH – Helen Rutherford
9 Outings -
10 Editor Newsletter – Mark Benjamin (ex-committee)
11 Advertisements for HH – Christine Hanley
12 Speakers' Programme -
13 Social Media - Mark Runnacles Goodridge
14 New member – Sarah Miles

The AGM closed at 7.45pm