



Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at  
West End Baptist Church on  
Thursday 5 October 2023  
10.30 am

Present: Paul Howard (Chairman), Ann Bizeray, Celia Carpenter, Colin Gladwell, John Masson, Mavis Payne, Nick Pyne and 14 others.

Apologies: Viv Hill, Charmian Horseman, Dave Nolan, Joyce Piper, Mary Pyne, Vaughan Rees.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those who were attending for the first time.

The Minutes of 6 October 2022 had been available to read on our website. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:  
(Brief outline – full report available on the website.)

Over the year the trips undertaken by drivers had increased by nearly 50% and on some occasions up to 20 trips had been completed in just one day.

We currently had 32 drivers and Paul thanked them all and welcomed those who had joined us during the year: Andrea Cartwright, Bob Merritt, Clare Harcourt, Dorian Jones and Nigel Ede.

He also paid tribute to Bill Yeadon and to Martin and Glen Smith, all of whom had given sterling service over many years and had now decided to retire.

We had been honoured to be presented with a Civic Award by Westbury Council in recognition of Link's outstanding service to the community.

Our new computer system was working well and was making life far easier for both coordinators and drivers.

Paul went on to outline some of the events of the year and then thanked Committee members, including Dave Nolan who had joined recently as our Safeguarding Officer, for their hard work and support. He paid tribute to our Treasurer Celia Carpenter, who would be retiring after nearly 20 years in the role. Paul then explained that this would be his final AGM as he and Wendy would shortly be moving away.

Treasurer's Report.

Celia explained the income and expenditure figures.

Our finances were in good shape and we had ended the year with a profit of £1,648.

There were no questions and the report was duly adopted.

Election of Officers and Committee Members:

Chairman	John Masson
Vice Chairman	Nick Pyne
Treasurer	Ann Bizeray
Secretary	Charmian Horseman
Committee	Colin Gladwell Paul Howard Dave Nolan Mavis Payne

All were duly elected.

Open Forum:

Christopher Lack often met people who used Link, through his charity shop work and had been asked to pass on their thanks.

He had been asked if occasionally we could offer trips to people living in Warminster as they sometimes found it difficult to get through to Warminster Link. Sadly, it was agreed that this would be too awkward politically and that we were already very stretched in covering Westbury.

Paul would remind drivers about current hospital parking arrangements in response to a query about parking at Salisbury Hospital.

He would be continuing as a committee member until he moved.

John would be reminding Drivers in his next newsletter that they needed to make a call out on their Link mobile phones at least every six months to carry forward the credit.

John and Paul would be visiting Marjorie Painter and taking her a gift to thank her for her reliable service over 20+ years in transferring telephone numbers for us twice every weekday. This would no longer be necessary after our imminent changeover to the VoIP telephone system.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.00 am.