

The Arts Society Nottingham
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 8th October 2025
Broadway Cinema Nottingham

1. **Apologies:** Sheelagh Glanfield (Membership Secretary) and Pauline Rouse. 46 members attended the meeting.
2. **Minutes of the last AGM: held on 9th October 2024** had been made available to members on the website or by mailout, and no objections were raised. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the 2024 AGM
3. **Farewell and Welcome:** It was farewell and thank you to Ann Hall, Lynette Harris, both committee members for 12 years and Vivienne Jarvis also a committee member for 2 years.. Anne had successfully organised SIDs, Lynette(vice chair) , managed the Young Arts bursaries to encourage students to flourish in their textile work at NTU and Vivienne Jarvis was TASN Heritage Volunteers representative. Ilanah welcomed Sally Green as the new Treasurer, Kate Lewis as Vice Chair and organiser of SIDs, Jo Fox and Heather Lawson to help Kate with SIDs and Margaret with Young Arts.Irene Milburn is returning to the committee to take over as Membership secretary in January 2026 when Sheelagh steps down.
4. **The Chair's Report :** Ilanah Dance referred to her report which had been circulated to members. There had been much to celebrate this year. On the technical front, Ilanah said we were ahead of the game . All membership cards now had QR codes(and digital versions could be requested.) sumup machines allowed for easy payment of membership fees, visits etc, and TASN webpage design was improved. The SIDs had been well attended this year, and many guests had now joined as members. Young Arts had again helped three more NTU students with bursaries to progress their studies. Ilanah emphasised the need for more young people to get involved, especially those with IT skills and the Heritage Volunteers Representative was still vacant for anyone to apply. Ilanah concluded by saying that the success of the society had been due in part to the harmony amongst the committee and its members. She thanked all members for their continued support and the committee for all the unseen work throughout the year.
5. **The Treasurer's Report:** Members had received the report prior to the AGM, together with the annual accounts for the year ending 30th June 2025. Steve noted that this was the last time he would report as Treasurer as he had already handed over to Sally earlier in the year. He noted that in 2024 the membership fee of £58 had been calculated by dividing the total cost of speaker fees by the number of members. For 2025 the fee would be increased to £60 per annum. Further income was derived from the sale of "Fifty Treasures" books, the sell-out of SIDs and a discount from Broadway as a result of the June lecture being moved.. Sumup now encourages early payment of membership fees with nearly 50% of members renewing before the end of the last programme year.Steve mentioned that though the Broadway hire costs were not cheap, the capacity of the venue was excellent and of a high standard.TASN had given bursaries amounting to £1,500 in 2024 and grants to HV also. concluded by saying we had £27,000 of assets.
6. **To receive and approve the Annual Accounts for 2024/25:** Proposed by Mary Somerville and seconded by Liz Holden.. Approved by a show of hands.
7. **Appointment of Chesapeake Associates as the independent financial examiner for the ensuing year:** Proposed by Chris Castleden and seconded by Peter Somerville. Approved by a show of hands.
8. **To approve the subscription fee of £60 for 2025/26 and a fee for guests of £9.00:** Approved by a show of hands.
9. **To elect the committee:** Ilanah Dance, Steve Dance, Kate Lewis, Sally Green, Liz Thomas, Sheelagh Glanfield, Liz Holden, Margaret Morris, Janet Pether, Rita Wynne,Lynne Wolliscroft Irene Milburn, Jo Fox, Chris Castleden and Heather Lawson were all available for election and re-election.. Approved by a show of hands for all existing committee members and those co-opted during the year..
10. **To elect the officers:** Chair: Ilanah Dance, Vice Chair:Kate Lewis Treasurer: Sally Green Secretary: Liz Thomas.All re-elected and approved by a show of hands.

11. AOB: No notifications.

12. Chair's closing remarks: Ilanah commended her team for their hard work and engagement with members. Finally she mentioned that details were to follow for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.