

Minutes of the Dissolution General Meeting held in St Mary's Church Hall, Heworth on 17th September, 2026

Present [7]: Evelyn Brown (Committee), Theresa Costello, Ailie Langston, Patricia McCahill, Graeme Page (Committee), Ian Storey (Committee) & Ronnie Willison.

Quorum: As less than 10 members were in attendance, the meeting was inquorate. Fortunately, the receipt of 10 postal votes [P] enabled a limited number of agenda items to be voted on.

Appointment of Chairperson - Ian Storey kindly chaired the meeting.

Apologies for Absence [13] - Margaret Andison [P], Lyn Boyle [P], Alfred Cowell [P], Denise Edwardson [P], Jane Gerono [P], Ian Goodman [P], Natalie Goodman [P], Ken Milmore [P], Helen Mullarkey, Claire O'Sullivan [P], Ania Retkowska (Assistant Secretary) [P], Roger Smith (Committee) [P], Ian Thomson.

Approval of the Minutes of the SGM - the minutes of the SGM held on 5th March 2026 were **AGREED** as being a correct record by 9 votes to 1.

2026 Secretary's Report: As the position of Secretary remained vacant, Graeme presented a written report and Statement of Accounts to the meeting indicating that:

There had been 2 x 'local' car-sharing Saturday events plus a week trip to Oban since 1st April 2026;

The Club now had **£3608.79** which represented a £85 profit during the period 1st April to 31st August 2026.

Graeme was indebted to Ania Retkowska (Assistant Secretary) and the Club Committee members for their ongoing individual and collective contribution towards the organisation of Club events and activities;

Finally, he thanked the membership both past and present for their valued support of the Club since June 1983. As the meeting was inquorate, a vote of thanks could not be made.

Consideration of Motion for the Dissolution of Gateshead Civic Walking Club - After discussion, the Committee proposed motion "To approve the dissolution of the Gateshead Civic Walking Club in accordance with the Club Constitution, with the Club Committee proceeding to realise all club property and discharge all financial liabilities" was **AGREED** by 9 votes to 2.

Consideration of Asset Distribution Motions received by 31st August 2026:

❶ After discussion, Graeme's proposal "To approve a fixed donation of **£2,000** from the remaining club funds to **TynesideOutdoors** (Registered Charity No. 1156445)" was **AGREED** / was **REJECTED** by 14 votes to 3;

❷ After discussion, Natalie's proposal "To approve the donation of a portion of remaining club funds to **Northumberland Mountain Rescue** (Charity No. 1189987), **Cleveland Mountain Rescue** (Charity No. 252905), and **Yorkshire Dales Mountain Rescue** (Charity No. 1201870)" was **AGREED** by 15 votes to 1.

Any other Business: As the meeting was inquorate, no decisions could be made regarding the following AOB matters:

- ❶ **Website Domain Registration** - Archived routes
- ❷ **Walking Friends** WhatsApp Group. Route Sharing App. Car-Sharing.
- ❸ **Club Assets:** Guide Books, Maps & Ice Axes
- ❹ **Durham Heritage 100**
- ❺ **Red Cross appeal for the flood victims in Nepal**

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