



Newcastle Upon Tyne & District Group

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the CSPA Newcastle & Area Group

Tuesday, 10th September 2024 11:00am

St John the Baptist Church Hall Grainger Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 5JG

### Welcome, introductions, and apologies.

1. Peter Sleightholme (PS) welcomed the members and guest speaker present –

#### Members

Alan Butland (Treasurer) (Morpeth)  
Peter Sleightholme (Secretary) (South Shields)  
James Ruddick, (Washington)  
Sheila Walker (Newcastle Upon Tyne)  
Doreen Garside (North Shields)

#### Guest speaker

Andy Aitchison (EC Regional Member – North East Region)

2. Apologies had been received from –

Dorothy Hughes  
Stuart Hind  
Eric Bromley  
Syd Cowan  
Robert & Hilary Ottey

### Opening remarks

3. PS apologised for the late issue of the AGM notification. Although the notification was prepared for issue on 11 August 2024, due to significant staff and responsibility changes at CSPA HQ, the notification was not issued until 1 September 2024. Hence the exceptionally low turnout of members.

### Guest speaker Andy Aitchison

4. Andy Aitchison (AA) outlined proposals and considerations emanating from the recent review of the CSPA's Branch and Group structure. AA emphasised it is imperative that campaigns which the CSPA embarks upon on behalf of members, singly or its partners, are representative of members feelings and have their approval and consent. Under the current structure, not all members are attached to a local Group or Branch. The ultimate outcome of the review is to ensure all members have a route, connection to a Branch or Group, to have their views known.

### Election or appointment of the Group's governance body.

5. It was agreed that both PS and Alan Butland (AB) should continue in their roles as secretary and treasurer respectively.

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### **Approval of audited annual accounts 2023.**

6. AB presented the 2023 annual accounts which were then audited by member Shiela Walker present. The accounts were formally approved by the meeting.
7. A copy of the approved accounts is enclosed.

### **Group subscriptions**

8. Sheila Walker asked about making a Group subscription. It was explained Group subscriptions are voluntary and in addition to the CSPA membership fee. The subscriptions help cover the costs of running the Group, eg venue hire, travel costs and donations to guest speakers.
9. 75 Group members currently make a small annual subscription between £2 and £5. New and additional subscriptions are very welcome and will enable the committee to consider extra social events for members.
10. Subscriptions can be made by an annual standing order made payable to –

Bank:	Lloyds
Account name	Civil Service Pensioners Alliance
Account number	00650091
Sort code	30-93-55
Reference	Your CSPA membership number followed by the 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 characters of your surname, eg CSPA030201SLE

### **Review of motions scheduled for the CSPA Annual General Meeting 2024, October 9 & 10 2024.**

11. Discussion took place on the Motions tabled for the forthcoming CSPA Annual General Meeting. AA clarified and provided the Executive Council's insight regarding general issues raised in relation to several motions. PS, who will be the Group's representative at the AGM, was given a mandate to consider the motions and appropriately vote.

### **Any other business (AOB).**

12. No AOB arose. PS and AB thanked AA and members for their attendance and would continue to seek to increase members' participation in the Group's business and activities.

**Peter Sleightholme**  
**Secretary**  
**Newcastle & District Group**

13.

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS ALLIANCE**  
**NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT GROUP ACCOUNTS**  
**1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>OPENING BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2023</b>		<b>£2145.80</b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>		<b>0.00</b>
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		<b>£2145.80</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<u>GROUP SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		
STANDING ORDERS (2023)		
1 @ £5	£5.00	
1 @ £4	£4.00	
1@ £2.50	£2.50	
71 @ £2	£142.00	
		£153.50
CASH AND CHEQUES	£0.00	
<u>CSPA HQ GRANT</u>		
TRAVEL GRANT Towards Travel		£ 0.00
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		<b>£2299.30</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
ROOM HIRE		£32.00
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<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2023</b>		<b>£2267.30</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>		
Income – refreshments	£0.00	
Expenditure – refreshments	£0.00	£0.00
BALANCE		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<hr/> <b>£2267.30</b> <hr/> <hr/>

ALAN BUTLAND  
TREASURER

PETER SLEIGHTHOLME  
CHAIRMAN

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS INCLUDING CASH BOOK, RECEIPTS AND INVOICES, BANK STATEMENTS, PETTY CASH RECORDS (AND SECRETARY'S CASH ACCOUNT), IN MY OPINION THE ACCOUNTS ARE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS.

SIGNED:

*[Handwritten signature]*

DATE:

10 September 2024.