

**Minutes of the 2026 Ulysses AGM held
at
The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells**
Draft for Approval at 2027 AGM



1. President's Welcome

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2026 AGM. He provided a brief overview of the weekend and thanked everyone for their support and wished everyone a good time. The meeting was then turned over to the secretary.

2. Introduction of the Current Committee

The current committee members were introduced to the meeting confirming all were in attendance.

3. Apologies received

Apologies were received from Martin and Wendy Loyd, Richard and Sharon Mills, Terry and Lu Shaw, B Russell, Stuart and Gill Brown, Andy and Marilyn Luck.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the 2025 AGM held on 10th May 2025 in the Whitehouse Hotel, Worcester

The draft minutes of the 2025 AGM, previously published on the website and again in the 2026 Welcome pack, were proposed for adoption by the membership. This was seconded and carried by a unanimous 'aye'.

5. Matters Arising from the 2025 minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. Committee reports

The committee submitted their annual reports, and these were included in the Welcome pack distributed to the membership by email in April. The reports were not read out, but were proposed, seconded, and agreed as accepted by the membership by a show of hands. No questions were raised.

7. Recognition of the Shining On Editorship

A presentation was made by the President, on behalf of the club, to recognise Barry Croft for services rendered as editor of the club magazine called Shining On. Barry received a crystal glass engraved with the Ulysses logo to commemorate the event. Barry made an appeal to the membership that the magazine should continue and for someone to step up and volunteer.

8. Election of Committee Officers for 2026/27

Two changes to the committee structure, to be addressed in the constitutional changes minuted later, were raised as caveats prior to the 2026/7 committee election.

A. The Telemachus role is a new committee role that is proposed in the draft constitutional changes. This role proposition had generated a formal question to the committee suggesting the incumbent should be a Telemachus Associate reinforcing the inclusion of the Telemachus structure into and part of Ulysses, i.e. not a separate club. Whilst this sentiment was supported by the committee, the fact that the Associate membership had no voting rights and that the current Associate membership level was so low (1) restricted the choice. The future, however, may open other possibilities.

B. It is proposed to split the current role of Secretary into two separate roles, Club Secretary and Membership Secretary.

With these changes in mind, the election of officers was declared.

For the Club President role, noted for its unique and fixed tenure, Patrick Laycock was nominated, seconded and carried with a general 'aye'.

The remaining six committee positions were proposed as a block, seconded and carried with a general 'aye'.

Treasurer – Simon Marsh

Club Secretary – Martin Lockley

Membership Secretary – Nick Clamp

Telemachus Liaison - Keith Alexander

International Liaison – Peter Aylott

Webmaster – Charles Warner

9. Date and location of future AGM's

This was opened to the floor as a general appeal for ideas regarding location and to check for any opinions on the time of year. No suggestions were forthcoming. The floor was reminded that decisions need to be made over the coming months, so the committee will be actively engaged in making choices by mid to late summer.

10. Website Upgrade plans

Charles provided a brief overview of the intention to upgrade our website to become a platform that is current, engaging and first choice for researching club activities, both historical and forthcoming. The platform will be 'date driven' enabling easy searches and cataloging. The work is to be undertaken by our website support service run by Tony Lynn and is not expected to place undue financial pressure on the club as the 'off the shelf' packages available for nominal cost should not require bespoke changes. Timing is anticipated that by the end of this year, a separate standalone site will be ready for testing.

Requests from some members were expressed to ensure support, and user guides are provided as many members are not comfortable with technology, particularly as it changes.

Overall, this work was warmly welcomed and seen as a way to bring together the information platforms we currently use.

11. President's Nominated Charity for 2026/7

Patrick reiterated his commitment to support the MND charity citing several examples, both personal and publicly known individuals afflicted by this terrible condition. With this charitable support intention in mind, he asked the Treasurer to discuss the following opportunity.

12. Treasurer proposal re club funding allocation to nominated charity

Simon proposed that the committee be given general approval by the membership to make provision from our general funds, from time to time as deemed appropriate, to top up our charitable funds. This could be a general boost to the running total or as a simple rounding provision prior to donation ceremonies. This was proposed, seconded and carried with a general 'aye'.

13. Proposed changes to the Club Constitution

The changes proposed to the club constitution were issued in the welcome pack to all members, whether attending the AGM or not. These focused on:

- the introduction of the Telemachus concept into the GB club, and how the role of 'junior member' would be superseded by 'Telemachus Associate'
- The splitting of the secretary role into Club and Membership roles.

There was some debate to fully understand the Telemachus concept and its alignment with our South Antipodean Affiliates. Both constitutional changes were fully supported by the membership, with no objections recorded.

14. Membership fees proposal

Simon proposed that the current subscription levels remain unchanged for another year. This was supported by a unanimous show of hands.

15. Any Other business

a. Use of website and user support

As mentioned in the Website Upgrade summary, website user support is high on the wish list of some members and will be taken into account as the new platform is launched.

b. WhatsApp regional group administration

A request was made to make all regional WhatsApp groups conform to a uniform naming convention. In conjunction with this, it was suggested that at least one committee member should be given Administration rights to support a common and integrated approach. This will be addressed by the new committee.

16. Meeting Close