

Families need Fathers
Thames Valley Branch
Annual General Meeting held online on the 8th December 2025

MINUTES

Start time: 20:15

AGM Attendee:

Alain Williams

Arthur Vered

Mahi Kurra

Sue Broadway

Jamal Bhatti

Giuseppe Trerotoli

Hammad Mehdi

Aftab Hussain

Apologies:

Janet

Narinder Singh Basra

Patrick Graydon

Last AGM minutes are approved

Branch officers report:

Chair:

I apologise for my absence. I am been put on cover in the boarding house this evening.

Thank you to all committee members for their continued efforts to run the group this year. A special thank you to Alain and AV for continuing to play active roles in the Senate despite stepping down from their formal roles several years ago. Their knowledge and experience are greatly valued by all members of the group.

I continue to make little actual contribution to the group, and I am happy to step aside if someone else wants to take on the role of chair.

Treasurer

1. Thank you to everyone in the Committee and specially to Arthur and Alain.
2. Amount in Bank Account as today = £625.85
3. Total Income = £0 from £0 income of last year
4. Outgoings this year @ £0.00
5. Currently the branch has £0 outgoings and has £0 income. It is able to meet its needs of providing support to members due to provision of free video conferencing software and Alain hosting the technology aspects for free. Based on this I see no need to change at the moment.
6. We do encourage all attendees of the branch to join BPM to support the larger organisation, the fees are £39 per annum or £4 per month. A small cost compared to the legal costs.
7. Any Questions. No questions raised

Secretary:

Thanks to Arthur and Alain for your long-term commitment to the branch and to the committee especially Patrick and Nas.

We decided at the last meeting that we do not need a library any more as most of documents are on the web or on the FNF website.

I will start to circulate the electronic Branch Poster which Arthur made and which promotes our Branch. Will continue to do so also with Councils and other Charities.

Lately the meetings have been quite low in number of presences so for the last two months we have dropped the pub meeting and we do an online meeting every week. We will look at re starting the pub meeting in the new Year 2025. Branch Annual Get Together Dinner will be held sometime in February 2025

Statistics: we have 83 members in the email chat from 94 last year.

Patrick will organise during 2026 a cull of member who do not use the chat any more.

Officers Elections:

Previous officers resigned at 20.25 - meeting held by Alain (interim)

Election of a new Committee

Chair: Narinder Singh Basra - votes 8

Secretary: Giuseppe Trerotoli votes 8

Treasurer: Patrick Graydon votes 8

Narinder Singh Basra re-elected Chair and meeting chairing resumed; all the other officers have been re-elected too.

AOB:

Narinder: Points I would like discussed:

- 1) How does traffic on the mailing list compare to last year? We moved to a new platform on the 13th November last year so at today is 254
- 2) How does attendance at the online meetings compare to last year? Its lower it is half
- 3) Where are we with meetings in person? We will try after the holidays to resume as a trial once a month and see where we go
- 4) What is our current relationship with Head Office? They ignore us
- 5) Has there been any progress with publicising the group locally? We have made the flyers and some people have posted them but we will try to post more.
- 6) What do we feel are the current challenges faced by parents seeking for their children to see them? Are any of these challenges new? How might we better address them? Same problems as before

Giuseppe: Please if anyone would like to help the group Committee please email us.

Meeting closed at: 20.54