In attendance: 19 attendees, of which 17 were Pledged Members with voting rights.

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| **Individual Members** | **Organisation Members** | **Other guests** |
| Alan Griffiths  Elaine Griffiths  Funmilayo Olaniyan  Jose Cifuentes  Kathryn Williams  Kelly Wearing  Krys Williams  Sergei Shubin  Stephanie Jones  Stephen Richardson  Tom Avery | SCVS - Charlotte Davies  High Sheriff - Diana Stroia  Swansea Quakers - Joan Darbyshire  EYST - Jorna Ali  SASS - Sandra Morton  Dylan Thomas Centre - Jo Furber | Rae Edwards  Hazel Nixon |

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Stephen Richardson (Treasurer) offered to Chair this meeting, in the absence of a Chair for SCoS.

*Stephen standing in as Chair for this meeting was accepted.*

Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting and clarified that Members have voting rights.

We received apologies from: Adella Pritchard (UiD), Carys Davies (SCoS), Chris Skudra (Swansea Libraries), Elaine Rees (SCoS), Gillian Hull (SCoS), Helen Clancy (Swansea Council), Martha Ako (SCoS), Rosemary Harvard-Jones, Simon Walkling (Christ Well).

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes from our AGM for 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes can be found on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS AGM Minutes 2024.pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/158r5s1rJiBrbzQPg7iipGBX_SpxPEHpK/view).

Stephen provided an overview of the last AGM:

* This was our first AGM held at the end of the financial year, following the decision to move it from December.
* 7 existing Committee members continued in their roles.
* 3 new members joined the Management Committee.
* Stephen Richardson continued as Treasurer.
* Krys Williams was nominated as Secretary.
* The search for a Chair continues!

*The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.*

1. **Annual Report for 2024/25**

The Annual Report for 2024/25 was circulated prior to the meeting. The report can be found on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS Annual Report 2024-25.pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OK1XkSj-1lVcHS0lK-BuYoNUYi4oDoPy/view?usp=sharing).

Stephen thanked Krys Williams (Secretary) for writing the Annual Report, and invited Krys to give an overview:

* We’re continuing to create and strengthen connections, particularly through our Community Cohesion Project and the Swansea AS&R Coordination group.
* Key Events: Schools of Sanctuary Awards, Library Service of Sanctuary, Sing for Sanctuary during Refugee Week 2024.
* Other activities: CIO application, updating our exhibition, Speak Up for Sanctuary.
* Challenges: Funding and volunteers!

*The Annual Report was accepted.*

1. **Finance Report**

The financial documents were circulated prior to the meeting. The documents can be found on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS Finance Report 2024-25.xlsx](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KAmFROrmIm7BN1B_fomvYQt1uKwCGxur/view?usp=sharing).

Stephen gave an overview of the SCoS Accounts 2024/25:

* Quite a slow year
* We have acquired sponsorship for specific projects, such as Speak up for Sanctuary and the Community Cohesion project.
* Small, regular amounts of donations from our supporters and Members. We thank everyone for their support in these areas.
* Sing for Sanctuary fundraising event was very successful, thanks to Alan Thomas (previous chair) who was the main organiser, and anyone who got involved or donated. Due to lack of volunteers, there is difficulty in arranging fundraising events.
* Our financial needs are around £1000 per month, to function in our current form.
* Ideas on fundraising are very welcome.

*The Finance Report was accepted.*

1. **Resolutions**

Stephen invited Tom Avery, Management Committee Member, to present the proposed resolution.

* 1. **Update to Membership Structures**

For details, please see slide 7 of our PowerPoint on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS AGM Slides.pptx](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Q7JU_w-VL9qJ1Ru6ugOV3NyJd4N8Ol7r/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109558938185748691412&rtpof=true&sd=true).

Tom presented a draft proposal, with suggested clarifications of the current SCoS Membership structure. This suggestion stems from a pattern of people having difficulty in articulating what SCoS membership means.

The suggestion for a revision has been previously presented to and given approval from the Management Committee, as well as the Swansea Asylum Seeker & Refugee Coordination, which many SCoS Members are party to. The proposal displayed is not final, as Tom suggests further discussion is needed.

*Members in attendance agree for this resolution to be revisited at a later stage, once the suggested structure is finalised. Further discussion among Members is needed to take this forward. Attendees agree to have a specific meeting on this in September.*

1. **Appointment of Management Committee Members**

1 Committee Member from 2024 has stepped down during the year for personal reasons:

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2 Committee Members from 2024 stepped down at this AGM:

* Martha Ako
* Sweeta Durrani

The following 7 individuals have agreed to continue as part of the Committee:

* Carys Davies
* Elaine Rees
* Funmilayo Olaniyan
* Gillian Hull
* Krys Williams
* Stephen Richardson
* Tom Avery

Stephen Richardson agreed to continue as Treasurer.

Krys Williams agreed to continue as Secretary.

Tom Avery has been nominated to stand as Chair by Stephen Richardson.

*The nominated individuals above were accepted unanimously.*

Close.