

Ethical Consumer Research Association

Draft Minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2026

Date held: Thursday 24 September 2026. Meeting began at 6:30pm, official AGM commenced at 7:05pm.

Location: Virtual, held over Zoom video call.

Prior to the formal AGM presentations were given on our work on big tech and AI and developments with our challenging corporate power work

Members present

Employee members: Francesca de la Torre (Chair), Alex Crumbie (minutes), Shanta Bhavnani, Elizabeth Chater, Katalin Csatadi, Sundeep Aryarakshita Grewal, Rob Harrison, Grace Hull Boakye, Nadine Oliver, Minerva Peters-Cassidy, Marlous Veldt, Jenny Derry, Ruth Strange.

Probationary members: Zygmunt Wysocki

Non Staff Board members: Dan Welch (investor-member director).

Investors Members: Anna Clayton, Alan Drever, David Farrar, David Oakley-Hill, Christopher Sykesud, Shaun Fensom

1. Introductions and welcome

Francesca welcomed attendees and introduced the meeting.

2. Apologies

Ruairidh Fraser, Katrina Keen, Yalda Keshavarzi, Edward Lander, Richard Stirling, Jane Turner, Alyson Tyler (employee members), Martin Fodor (investor member), Clare Searle, Ketan Varia, Adina Claire (board members).

3. Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 18th September 2025

Correction needed to amend 'Christopher Sykes' to 'Christopher Sykesud'.

Other than Christopher's request to amend his name, it was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

4. Investor-Member Directors

Adina Claire and Dan Welch were re-elected as investor members.
The five worker directors are elected separately by staff.

5. Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026

Rob gave a summary of the financial statements and the Directors' Report and invited questions.

There was one question: "Value of debtors (page 6) is up about 20%. Is there an explanation for that, and/or any reason to be concerned?" (David Farrar).

[This was answered later with reply that this was not unusual due to the ongoing projects at the year end and no reason to be concerned]

The directors' report and financial statement was approved with no objections.

6. Reappointment of accountants (Rule 54) and resolution to utilise exemption from filing audited accounts (Rule 55)

We use Third Sector Accounting in Manchester. We do not have a formal audit because our revenue is below the threshold.

We accepted the proposal with no objections.

7. Application of our trading surplus

We propose to use the surplus to rebuild our balance sheet until the historic losses (paid for by share capital) have been erased.

We accepted the proposal with no objections

8. Any Other Business

Meeting ended approximately 7:20pm.