

**Forum for Counsellors and Psychotherapists**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 15th April 2026, 7pm via Zoom**

**1. Present** Geoffrey Beatson, Nia Charpentier, Karen Cromwell, Mirka Duxberry, Paula Griffiths, Anna Harlow, Sabine Heiliger, Tracey-Anne Holloway, Bridget Jones, David Kippax, Richard Lewis, Emlyn Murr, Loraine Newbold, Jasmine Richards, Alison Sorrell, Hilary Stock, Linda Widdows

**2. Apologies** received from Sarah Howells, Jess Jenkins, Anita Knight, Liz Lowe, Helen Stone

**3. Minutes of AGM on 30th April 2025** were unanimously accepted via online voting form.

**4. Reports** were read by Forum officers as follows, and can be viewed on Forum's website:

Chair - Linda Widdows

Treasurer - Emlyn Murr

Membership Secretary - Anna Harlow

Secretary - Hilary Stock

The reports reflected Forum's increased membership, expansion of the Events Team, introduction of new events to the calendar and new ventures such as the quarterly newsletter and 'ForumFest.' Forum had made a loss of £192.45 and closing balance on 31st March 2026 was £5570.64.

**5. Acceptance of reports** - all reports were unanimously accepted via online voting form.

**6. Election of officers and Events Team members**

Chair: Nia Charpentier

proposer Linda Widdows, seconder Alison Sorrell

Treasurer: Emlyn Murr

proposer Linda Widdows, seconder Hilary Stock

Membership Secretary: Anna Harlow

proposer Emlyn Murr, seconder Jasmine Richards

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Web Coordinator: Jasmine Richards

proposer Nia Charpentier, seconder Geoffrey Beatson

Team Member: Geoffrey Beatson

proposer Hilary Stock, seconder Tracey-Anne Holloway

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There were no further nominations, and all the above were unanimously elected. Nia Charpentier chaired the remainder of the meeting, after thanking Linda Widdows as retiring chair.

**7. Any other business**

Anna Harlow asked Events Team members to make themselves known, for the benefit of newer members present. Linda Widdows expressed her appreciation and encouragement for the quarterly newsletter: edited initially by Anna Harlow (Summer 2025) and subsequently by Emlyn Murr, it relies on contributions from Forum's members for a varied and engaging content.

**8. Date of next AGM** - members will be notified nearer the time.

**9. Closing** Nia Charpentier closed the formal AGM at 7.30pm with thanks to all for attending, and invited those members who wished to stay on for a Kitchen Table discussion on ethics and dual roles/relationships led by Anna Harlow.