

SLACC-tt 2024 AGM

SLACC-tt CUO (Unincorporated) No. 1139474
SLACC-tt CIO (Incorporated) No. 1202875

2024 AGM

Date: 22nd April 2025
Held at The Eddington, 106a Highgate, Kendal

CIO Trustees Present Anne Blackburn, Alan Lovett, Angela Lovett, Duncan Pollard,
Chris Rowley

Apologies Carole Wood

CUO Trustees Present Alan Lovett, Angela Lovett, Chris Rowley
Co-opted Trustees Present John Hall, Anna Hall, Maggie Mason, Henry Adams,
Dave Plumb, Sue Walley

Other attendees

Members Nick Chetwood, Janet Chetwood, Janet Clarke, Graham Clark,
Alison Quigley, Rachel Larkham, Nick Tweddle, Monica
Tweddle, Robin Cope, Fiona Hudson, Daniel Rayson, Jo
Haughton, Elizabeth Hendry, Peter Jones, Wendi Lethbridge

Guests Paul Crook, Janice Rowley, Diana Hendry

Apologies Karen Mitchell, Jane Willis, Madelene Robertson,
Kim Beaumont, Stacy Hurley

Welcome

Chris welcomed everyone – SLACC members, Waste into Wellbeing (WIW) visitors and representatives from the Eddington Kendal Community Interest Company.
Chris spoke about the recent loss of Phil Clayton in a mountaineering accident. Phil had only recently been co-opted as a trustee and will be sadly missed.
Kim Beaumont has stepped down as a co-opted trustee during the year.
Chris thanked Angela for her long service to SLACC. Angela is standing down as a trustee of the CIO at this AGM, though will remain as a trustee of the CUO to ensure that the closure proceeds smoothly.
Chris also thanked Carole who is also stepping down at the AGM. Both Angela and Carole made important contributions to SLACC, especially on internal processes.
Chris encouraged anyone to come forward to be a trustee.
All members were issued with a voting card. Only members are allowed to vote.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

The minutes for the 2023 AGM had been previously circulated to members. There were no matters arising.

Dave Plumb proposed that they be accepted. Anne Blackburn seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with none against and no abstentions.

Annual Report

Introductory Remarks

Duncan provided an introduction to the Eddington and explanation of its activities and how it relates to SLACC.

Chris stated that SLACC currently has 77 members. He thanked Matthew Smithers, the membership secretary, for his work managing the membership and subscriptions.

Chris mentioned the new WIW website, accessible from the SLACC website.

Treasurers Report & Accounts

Alan presented a summary of the financial status of the two charities.

Our 2024 income reached £176k. The largest element was for the development of the Eddington (£84k) followed by the Coal Mine campaign (£50k). Alan highlighted the growing income that is arising from donations to WIW for meals and food.

Our 2024 expenditure totalled £265k. Alan explained that the balance between income and expenditure is due to the timing of expenditure, with funds held over from last year for work on both the Eddington and the Coalmine campaign. He noted the large inflows and outflows over the last few years. He indicated that with major works at the Eddington largely completed, and the Coalmine campaign being finalised, that the flow of funds will be lower in the future. The move to the Eddington has led to lower rental costs for WIW compared to the previous rental costs of Stricklandgate House and The Foyer.

The 2024 end year balances were £85371 for the CIO and £1674 for the CUO.

Wendi Lethbridge asked a question as to why there was such a large balance.

The answer is threefold: some grants are waiting to be spent (eg £15k for an accessible lift); we wish to be more self-funded, so are keeping a reserve; we always need a few months of operating expenses (the WIW has an annual turnover of roughly £52k).

Chris thanked Alan for all his work. The quantity of work is growing as we secure multiple grants, receive donations and have a wide variety of expenditure. It is likely that we will need to employ someone to do this work in the near future.

Duncan Pollard proposed that the accounts be accepted. Chris Rowley seconded. The accounts were approved unanimously with none against and no abstentions.

Report of Activities

WIW: Chris highlighted that the annual impact continues to grow despite (in 2024) the disruption over the summer to operations as we moved into the Eddington.

Anne gave a vote of thanks to the WIW volunteers for their efforts that made the move to the Eddington happen.

Coalmine: We won! Maggie explained that West Cumbria Mining (WCM) chose to withdraw their application. This did not immediately lead to the end of our work as we needed to clarify what happens after the High Court decision. This included making sure that Angela Raynor did not reopen the planning process, to continue to make life difficult for WCM, and to recover further compensation funds from WCM. We raised £11000 through crowdfunding to cover legal costs for these tasks.

Maggie highlighted that our solicitors have done a fantastic job since 2019, being very accommodating on fees charged, and the timing of their invoices. Our focus on recovering further compensation funds is to ensure that our legal team is fairly compensated for their work.

New trustees came forward to support the last push, and associated fund raising. Duncan & Carole stood down as trustees to focus on other aspects of SLACC.

Anne gave a vote of thanks to Maggie, Henry and the Trustees of the CUO that had been involved in the process, namely: Chris, Alan, Angela, Robin, Duncan, Sally and Carole.

Duncan reported back on the progress made on the 2024 objectives (achieved) and presented new objectives for 2025. The primary focus for the CIO is on building community resilience and responding to the impacts of climate change, by further developing the partnership between Waste Into Wellbeing and the Eddington CIC.

Anne Blackburn proposed that the objectives be accepted. Dave Plumb seconded. The objectives were approved unanimously with none against and no abstentions.

Election of Trustees and Post Holders

CIO

One third of Trustees stand down annually in line with the constitution. Carole and Angela stepped down. With no new Trustees to elect, there was no vote needed or taken. Chris repeated that we would welcome new Trustees.

CUO

Two trustees (Carole & Duncan) stood down. Six new trustees had been previously co-opted: John Hall, Anna Hall, Maggie Mason, Henry Adams, Dave Plumb, and Sue Walley.

There was a vote to confirm the new co-opted Trustees. This was proposed by Anne Blackburn and seconded by Wendy. This was approved unanimously with none against and no abstentions.

Close of Meeting

Chris closed the meeting, thanking all for their attendance and support.

He introduced the speaker. Nick Lancaster gave his reflections on what waste food tells us about how we respond to climate change.