

Agenda for the The Annual General Meeting of the Norfolk Wherry Trust at 4.30 pm on 11th July 2026 at Forsythe Wherry Yard, Horsefen Road, Ludham, Norfolk, NR29 5QG

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last AGM of 12th July 2025
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2025
4. Chair's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Directors & Officers.
7. Special resolution. To update section 5.1 of the Articles of Association (Notice of General Meetings) to refer to the requirements in the Companies Act 2006 (and any subsequent amendments) without additional requirements specified in our Articles.
8. Open Forum.

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Draft Minutes

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from David Wallis. 29 members attended, including 9 Directors.

2. Minutes of the last AGM of 20th July 2024.

No comments. Proposed Mick Harris, seconded Marian Smith. Accepted, *nem-con*.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 20th July 2024. None.

4. Chair's Report.

Albion was lifted last autumn for the hull to be repainted. A total of 7 1/2 planks and one section of frame were replaced with some additional seams redone. The 1/2 one was near to the bow. We continued the policy of replacing whole planks rather than repairing the ends and edges. This was considerably more than we expected but was as a result of the ability to closely inspect the seams without the tar in place. We are unsure whether we will find a similar number of planks to replace when we next lift, but believe it would be prudent to do so.

We have also completed several tasks at base including a new hatch, new quants, new cupboards in the cuddy and a gearbox for the winch. All have improved Albion. We have also been forced to replace the sewage pump at base and we have built up the path so that it will remain dry, or at least survive flooding at base.

We have tried a different schedule for open days this year and we will evaluate them at the end of the season.

The new sail has been used all season and the tight stitching is starting to pull flat. The bonnet has not yet been used in anger but will be stretched as well.

Looking forward we were going to prioritise work on the holding tanks we were, unexpectedly offered the opportunity buy some straight grained oak. As it as been so difficult to find good English oak when we need it, we decided the trees would be a sensible investment. We have cut the oak so that half will be for planking and half for decking.

We have also had visits from about 400 primary school children so far this year.

Thank you to all the volunteers helping in all manner of roles. The trust would not function without you all, but particularly those involved in school visits as you are aware we are making the visits work better as we go along.

5. Treasurer's Report. J Fisk

Since the 2024 AGM we have spent a considerable amount of money on some larger projects.

In November 2024 we purchased 15 new lifejackets, 10 to replace out of date junior size jackets and 5 for crew use.

Summer charter income has still not returned to its pre-Covid level.

We completed paying for 5 new quant blanks.

The largest expenditure in 2024 was in December when we paid for the lift-out of Albion at Cox's yard, together with their professional work on replacing timbers.

The final outcome of the 2024 accounting year, after examination by Lovewell Blake, was a deficit of £8253. The bulk of the deficit can be accounted for by the additional work on liftout.

In January 2025 we upgraded our electricity distribution board prior to replacing the toilet pump system, a once in 20 years replacement. That was followed by expenditure to raise and improve the path to the Base sheds and moorings, with ditch clearing and landscaping.

The gearbox for the new winch was paid for in April 2025.

This June three more oak trees became available for planks, so we bought them as a long term investment.

The new sail has now been received and paid for, using sailcloth we purchase previously.

Despite the recent heavy expenditure the Trust remains financially secure with circa £355000 primarily held in long term deposits with CCLA and CAF/Shawbrook Bank, down circa £5000 on December 2024 totals.

I would like to thank the staff at Lovewell Blake, Stefanie Smith, for their advice and assistance in guiding me through the year end procedures, Gift Aid and the Sage accounting software.

I would **propose** that the accounts are accepted, seconded Martin Hills. Accepted, *nem-con*.

6. Election of Directors & Officers.

Mick Harris is standing down from the committee this year after many years including performing many roles including crewadmin and skipper. He will continue to be involved as skipper.

All the other Directors are willing to continue.

We will propose to re elect Caroline Jarrold (Dixey) as Honorary Patron. Proposed Martin Hills, seconded Ivor Stemp. Accepted, *nem-con*.

The following directors were re-elected. Jean Board, Philip Board, William Booth, Andrew Brooks, James Fisk, Martin Hills, Alex Savage, Marian Smith, Michael Sparkes. The officers are Martin Hills (Chair), James Fisk (Treasurer and company secretary), Jean Board (secretary).

Proposed Roy Dickerson, seconded Neil Case. Accepted, *nem-con*.

We also propose new directors, Paul Maddison, Ruth Maddison, Dave Wallis and Peter Cotes
Proposed Marian Smith seconded Jimmy Fisk. Accepted, *nem-con*.

Lovewell Blake re-appointed as auditors. Proposed Jimmy Fisk, seconded Martin Hills. Accepted, *nemcon*.

7. Open Forum.

- a) Jeff Stamps said that the date and time of the AGM was not clear in the newsletter. Martin Hills said we would ensure it has greater prominence next year.
- b) Neil case thanked the crew from the recent 4 day charter and said they looked very smart in the new crew polo shirts. The meeting concurred.
- c) Mike Brett thanked the crew from his recent charter given in order to recognise his contribution to the Trust for the last 50 years.

The meeting Closed at 1654.