

# Caerphilly Over50

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## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Fire Station, Caerphilly.



Attendees were, left to right, Joy Matthews, Mike rees, Mairwen Parry, Brian Davies, Wendy Davies, Steve Milsom, Roger Carr, Alex Hamilton and (behind the lens) Ralph Stevens. Also attended , Jayne Hunt.

**Key events of 2019** were reviewed, a full description of which can be seen in “News” or “Newsletters” on our website: [caerphillyover50.co.uk](http://caerphillyover50.co.uk).

In brief these were; retirement of our Coordinator from CCBC, 6,000 copies of our newsletter printed and distributed, MacMillan coffee morning co-hosted with Caerphilly Visitor Centre, Poetry Together event, Christmas lunch with Lewis school, Pengam (and George Formby) and review of our revised constitution with GAVO. We also gave support to Blackwood Stroke Group, Newbridge Tabernacle, Lewis School Lunch Club and Cymru Older People’s Alliance (as the Chairman and Communications Officer).

**2020:** The prospective opportunities for this year were outlined. We now have a very active “Events Coordinator”. Thus far, we have only managed one entertainment event each year. We have dramatically improved on this by and announced eight (8) events that are currently being scoped with the intention to hold them all.

It is hoped that this year will see the long-awaited (and overdue) Engagement strategy from the Welsh Assembly Government. Later this year should see the Older People's Commissioner's initiative on Age Friendly Communities. The guide "Making Wales a Nation of Age-friendly Communities", co-produced with Cymru Older People's Alliance (COPA) is already available and should serve to help local initiatives.

We will continue to seek and engage with older people's groups within the Borough. It was proposed that the Steering Committee should consider going to the venue of those groups we engage with to hold modified Committee meetings with the members of those groups.

### **Election of Committee Members**

The following either put their names forward for re-election or were new applications (2).

Cross, Rebecca	Davies, Brian	Hamilton, Alex
Matthews, Joy	Milsom, Steve	Oliver, Mike
Powell, Geraldine	Pritchard, Judith	Stevens, Gillian
Stevens, Ralph	Keenan, Mandy	

Note: Our Constitution allows 15 voting members, so **we are very concerned to recruit more active members.**

### **Approval of Constitution**

An officer from GAVO attended a committee meeting last Autumn. Having reviewed a copy of the constitution, she went through each paragraph of the document with the Committee. The document was described as comprehensive. A constitution is not mandated for a voluntary organisation such as ours but it is useful as a guide and could be a requirement if applying for funding.

The AGM approved the constitution unanimously. The Chair and Vice-Chair signed and dated copies.

Note added after the meeting: Geraldine Powell agreed to hold a signed copy of the constitution. The constitution is also held on the website.

### **Financial Report**

A new Treasurer was elected by the Committee in 2019 but since that time has not been able to register with the bank and just prior to this AGM resigned. No Financial Update has been received.

The Chair reported that he did have the cheque book and the last bank statement (December 2019). This indicated that the current balance available to the Forum was £3889.62. He had examined the withdrawals indicated in then cheque book which indicated an expenditure of £499.48 in the last year.