

# Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia, and Vegetable Society

## Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting held at the Victoria Club, Street on Saturday 15th February 2025 at midday

**Officers present:** Mr C Hughes (Chairman)  
Mr P Baker (Treasurer/Entries Secretary/Members' Secretary)  
Mr J Searle (Vice-chairman)  
Mrs L Driscoll (Correspondence Secretary)  
Mr C Driscoll (Show Manager)  
Mrs R Hamlett (Press Officer)

**Committee members present:** Mr R Loader, Mr T Vernoum, Mr P Boncey, Mr M Taylor, Ms C Walker

**Guest Speaker:** Mr Ivor Mace

### 1 Chairman's Welcome

Christian opened the meeting, offering a warm welcome to all members present and our guests and thanked them for their attendance at this our annual general meeting.

### 2 Apologies for absence

Mark Taylor, Harry & Joyce Godden

### 3 Minutes of the last AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

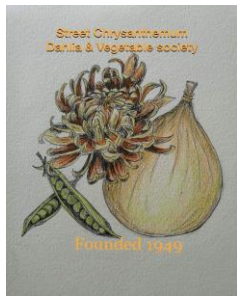
The 2024 minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Christian asked for a proposer and seconder to ratify that the minutes were a true reflection of last year's meeting Neil Hatch acted as proposer and Paul Boncey as seconder. This was accepted as a true record and were signed by Christian Hughes

### 4 Matters arising

There were no matter arising

### 5 Chairman's Report

Christian started his report by updating everyone, that our newly elected President Jan Nicolls sadly passed away 2 days after our AGM in 2024, and that we as a society dedicated last year's show in Jan's memory.



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Christian continued talking about the plant sale and how again we as a society are very thankful to our committee members and others who every year grow and donate plants to us to sale, Christian said that he was impressed by the consistent standard of plants that we purchase from sweet acres, especially the perennials. Christian said that special thanks needed to be given to Harry Hamlett, our press officer (Ruth's) son who really helped out on the day.

Christian went on to say that at the last AGM he discussed the introduction of membership cards, the raising of Subs to £5, and collecting these at our annual show has been extraordinarily successful.

Christian also highlighted the exceptional standard of entries at the show and that we had another record year with 124 more entries than 2023, and that in the afternoon there was a steady stream of people that came in to see the exhibits, purchase pickles or marmalade, have a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake or have a go on the tombola and how he personally enjoyed writing up all of the prize cards, and how he thought how Colin and Paul had enjoyed judging the sprints class.

Christian moved on to talk about Pats Blog on Facebook, and that how Pat now has a cult following, and that how much he looked forward to Sunday evening to read what Pat had been doing in his garden, plus topics that was worthy of including. Christian asked the audience if they too waited for Pat to send out his blog, to which several hands went up. Christian finished this part by saying that we had over 2k views, 128 new followers in the last 28 days, and that the most activity we see on the page is on a Thursday.

Christian finished his report by thanking the following.

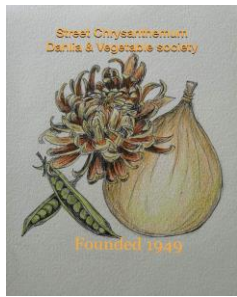
- Our sponsors who so generously sponsor classes at our show.
- Burns the bread that support us every year with their generosity, and who had
  - provided the buffet lunch today.
- Our committee members for their unwavering support of our society.

## 6 Treasurer's Report

Pat gave a very detailed report of the societies finances over 2024. As a society we finished £144.26 up on 2023.

### Income

We generated an extra £103 as a result of increasing the membership subscription from £2 to £5 per year. The total sale of plants at our annual sale in may generated £1400 which was £22 up on 2023. Our annual show brought in an additional £81.72. all of this was balanced against our expenditures.



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## Expenditure

There was an increase in insurance and affiliation fees. We paid out more prize money than in 2023. It was also the first year where we purchased gifts for the judges that gave up their time to attend our annual show to judge the entries. There was also a slight increase in printing and office costs and prize cards.

Pat finished his report by saying that for a small society we have a very healthy bank balance.

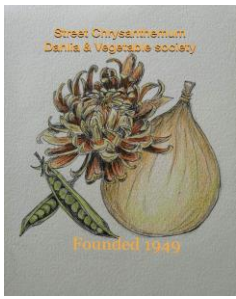
## 7 Election of Officers

Position	Person Elected	Proposed by	Seconded by
<b>President</b>	Terry Vernoum	P Baker	C Driscoll
<b>Chairman</b>	Christian Hughes	J Searle	T Vernoum
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Jim Searle	P Baker	C Walker
<b>Correspondence secretary</b>	Lin Driscoll	R Loder	H Clark
<b>Minutes secretary</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Membership secretary</b>	Pat Baker/Christina Walker	T Vernoum	R Loder
<b>Entries secretary</b>	Pat Baker/Christina Walker	R Downting	C Driscoll
<b>Treasurer</b>	Pat Baker	C Hughes	K Forrester
<b>Show Manager</b>	Colin Driscoll	P Baker	C Driscoll
<b>Press Officer</b>	Ruth Hamlett	P Baker	P Boncey
<b>Committee members</b>	On block	R Downting	C Driscoll

**Committee:** All officers plus P Boncey, M Taylor, R Loader.

## 8 Date of next Committee meeting

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 20:00 at the Victoria club



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## 9 AOB

Brendon Curry mentioned that our details on the national dahlia society needs updating, as committee members names have changed. Christian said he would look into it

Christian concluded formal proceedings by inviting all present to take part in the buffet lunch.

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