

Pear Tree Pottery AGM - Saturday 18th October 2025

Agenda:

- Welcome and Apologies
- Review Minutes from AGM 2024 & Matters Arising
- Chairperson's Report 2024 - 25
- Treasurer's Report 2024 - 25
- Current Committee and Election of new committee for 25 - 26
- AOCB

Present: Christine Mitchell, Hazel Morris (Treasurer), Marianne Ward (Chair), Margaret McDougal, Karen Smith, Alison Hush, Elaine Dyer (minutes)

Apologies: Hilary Burns, Anne Brown, Caroline Burgess, Russet Fullerton, Shona McHoul.

Chairperson's Report:

Marianne gave an update covering the past year for the pottery including some important changes to the running of the pottery going forward. The constitution has been updated to include these. Pear Tree Pottery Assistants will now be paid for three Saturdays per month with a rotation of Committee members covering the remaining week.

From capital, improvements have been made to the arrangements of the studio, lighting and equipment.

Looking forward to the year ahead, further members sessions will be arranged and an online booking system is to be developed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial report provided by Hazel along with figures for the two previous financial years.

Analysis of the figures was completed by the committee previously and projected figures for the coming year showed the pottery was going to run at a loss. Increases in fees were agreed and ready to be implemented from 25th October.

The Pottery's bank balance has reduced by £4000 (approx) due to capital expenses, and absorption of the loss from 23 - 24. The committee agree that this needs to be monitored annually to ensure a sustainable future for the pottery.

An increase in members and participation are required to ensure the pottery can operate at current prices.

Elaine has stepped down from the committee. Marianne gave a vote of thanks.

Committee for 25 - 26:

Marianne Ward will continue as Chair (seconded by Karen), with Margaret acting as Vice (Hazel seconded this), Hilary Burns will be Secretary (Marianne seconded this), and Karen Smith will be vice Secretary (Christine seconded), Christine Mitchell will be Treasurer (Seconded by Karen). Hazel Morris will be vice treasurer (Marianne seconded this), Alison Hush will be an ordinary member (this was seconded Margaret).

AOCB: Committee members acting as Saturday Supervisors will not pay for the session. No newbies will be booked in for these sessions.

Christmas holidays - end of term 13th December starting up on 10th January.

Members night out - Marianne will contact Rachel O'Dell to cost up a stained glass session. Festive nibbles could be included!

Garden Hedge (Ivy) needs to be cut back - volunteers required on **Sunday 16th November 11am**. Additional Shelves have been purchased - these will need to be assembled on the same day.

Fundraising ideas explored - coffee morning suggested. Increased use of Social Media will also be explored.

Keys for Committee members providing Saturday Supervisors will be available in the key safe. Code will be shared through the What's App group.

Honorary Membership to be considered for founder members.

Next Committee Meeting: 24th January @ 3.15 at Sprouston.