



Report on Cambridge Area Bus Users Annual General Meeting 2026

(Draft Minutes)

The Cambridge Area Bus Users Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 11 July 2026 at 14:45, in the Great Western Room, The Signal Box Centre, 82 Glenalmond Avenue, Cambridge, CB2 8DB

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Acting Chair, Hugh Taylor, opened the meeting by welcoming the members present, putting on record the Executive Committee's special thanks to Peter Griffin, who was appointed Chair at our relaunch Annual General Meeting in 2025, and for guiding us through the first year. Peter is moving to Nottingham for family reasons.

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

In attendance were:

Antony Carpen
Aland Chan
Margaret Collins
Miranda Fyfe
John Holmes
Sarah Hughes
David Landon Cole
Martin Lucas-Smith
Shahila Mitchell

Mark Reader
Jim Rickard
Dr Jocelynn Scutt
Steve Smithson
Anthony Stanton
Hugh Taylor
Martin Thorne
Peter Tribble
Richard Wood

Apologies for absence were received from:

Charlotte de Blois
Jim Chisholm
Steve Edmondson
Gillian Hartley
Geoff Heathcock

Linda Jones
Councillor Mike Todd-Jones
Barbara Taylor
Judy Ord
Sasha Wilson

3. Brief reports from the Secretary and Treasurer

3.1. Secretary's Report

Secretary, Richard Wood, outlined the work of Executive Committee members in meeting officers and political members of local governance bodies and senior people from the bus operators; asking public questions at meetings, collaborating on the content of these questions and on press releases.

Much lobbying is done in collaboration with the [Cambridgeshire Sustainable Travel Alliance](#), particularly over issues of bus stop accessibility and re-allocation of road space to active and sustainable travel. More recently we have collaborated with [Cambridge Citizens](#), particularly over the successful campaign to save the Tiger Pass for young people.

Mr Wood made reference to the value of the Aims and Objectives document (the update of which was one of the Executive Committee's first tasks after the 2025 relaunch) as a guide to underlie our campaigning, particularly when public questions

need to be submitted at short notice, or when responding to live questions on broadcast media.

The Secretary highlighted work by other Executive Committee members, including:

- Redesigning and updating the website (led by Peter Tribble)
- Reporting on Real-Time Passenger Information faults (led by Hugh Taylor)
- Work on the ongoing inability of some bus tracking information to appear on all platforms (led by Hugh Taylor)
- Work on the poor level of at-stop timetable and destination publicity (led by Hugh Taylor)
- Liaising with the other founding members – Camcycle and Living Streets, Cambridge (representing pedestrians) – of Cambridgeshire Sustainable Travel Alliance (led by Sarah Hughes, Miranda Fyfe, and the Secretary)
- Liaising with the Cambridge Citizens group campaign to retain and enhance the Tiger Pass for young passengers (led by Sarah Hughes)
- Working on radical improvements to publicity on St Ives area bus services in collaboration with St Ives Cares and St Ives Town Council (led by Anthony Stanton)

The Secretary's report was accepted nem con

3.2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Miranda Fyfe, noted that she took over the treasurership at the 'Reconstitution' AGM of Cambridge Area Bus Users, on 18th July 2025. Access to the bank account and additional signatories have been arranged during the year. Until that point, Secretary, Richard Wood, had limited access to the account to pay in money and to check the balance.

Using a 12-month period of July to June as our Financial Year, Ms Fyfe reported that the Statement of Accounts were as follows:

Opening Balance, 1st July 2025:	£1,183.71	Income:	
Closing Balance, 30th June 2026:	£1,184.01	Subscriptions, total:	£71.61
(Deficit)/Surplus:	£0.30	Expenditure:	
		Hall Hire (2025 AGM)	£28.11
		Website hosting	£43.20
		Total Expenditure:	£71.31

The Treasurer reported that the subscriptions shown above represent income from just nine paying members, and expressed the hope that, now Cambridge Area Bus Users has returned to active campaigning, many more of those on our mailing list will be inspired to make the suggested £5 per year contribution towards this work.

Account details are shown below.

Bankers: Barclays
Account name: Cambridge Area Bus Users
Sort Code: 20-17-20
Account N°: 33197727

Alternatively, there is a link to pay via PayPal on our website.

The Treasurer's report was accepted nem con

4. Adoption of the revised constitution

Secretary, Richard Wood, explained that the constitution adopted in 2018 was out of date. Cambridge Area Bus Users was established as an affiliate of Bus Users UK, who no longer have an affiliate structure. We are now an independent group. The Executive Committee also found some other minor inconsistencies which were redrafted.

- [Cambridge Area Bus Users constitution \(adopted Saturday 2 June 2018\)](#)

The Secretary noted that paragraphs 6.8. 6.9. and 6.10. relating to circulating minutes to all members will need to be redrafted in line with the current practice of reporting to the membership in more general terms, in order to avoid the risk of widespread dissemination of potentially confidential discussions in the course of lobbying activities. These paragraphs could not be amended at this AGM, owing to lack of notice.

- [Cambridge Area Bus Users constitution \(Adopted at 2026 AGM\)](#)

The revised constitution was adopted nem con

5. Election of the 2026-27 Executive Committee

Note: Roles and duties of Executive Committee members are assigned by the committee.

The following were elected, nem con:

Aland Chan	Anthony Stanton
Miranda Fyfe	Hugh Taylor
Geoff Heathcock	Martin Thorne
Sarah Hughes	Peter Tribble
Mark Reader	Richard Wood

6. Q&A session with the Executive Committee

Items discussed included:

- The unreliability of Real-Time Passenger information at stops, provided by contractors Vix for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Some operators' buses – particularly contracted services – are not tracking, albeit they track on other platforms (eg [BusTimes.org](#)).

Hugh Taylor and Richard Wood reported that they had contacted the Public Transport team at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, to seek answers to the unreliability and patchy coverage of RTPI and the associated MyBusTrip app.

- Antony Carpen was thanked for setting up the Cambridge Area Bus Users Facebook page in 2018 and administering it since that time.

There have lately been some issues with access. Antony and Mark Reader agreed to liaise to re-establish the Facebook page, with mark reporting back to the next Executive Committee meeting.

- Questions were raised about the complexity of local governance and which body was responsible for what.

The decrepit state of some bus shelters, poor footway access to bus stop, and a host of related issues were raised. As were issues of where and to whom specific complaints should be addressed.

We already have some of this, but in a fragmented form. There was felt to be a need for a single doc/web page detailing who's responsible for what amongst local authorities.

- The possibility of improving access to bus services by integrating workplace, college and schools services was discussed.

Whilst there may be difficulties, we are aware of this working elsewhere, and of some school transport being provided by scheduled bus services, with safety officers on board.

- The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Bus Network Review was discussed, though no firm conclusions were reached.
- The need to respond to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan was mentioned. The Executive Committee will be collaborating on this.