

GREENHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024/2025

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Tuesday, August 5th 2025

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Vice Chairman, Pete Menzies; Rose Menzies, Barbara Bourton, Avril Harrison
+ 45 members

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*Chairman's Report agreed: Proposed: John Ludlow,
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Report to the trustees Charity Name GREEN HILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On accounts for the year ended 31/5/2025 Charity no (if any) 1011707

Set out on pages 1/2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 5 Aug 2018

Name: BRIAN SHK

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body COMPANY SECRETARY (Chartered Institute of Secretaries)

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

