

OPEN UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY



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Saturday 13th June 2026 at 14:00 (Via Zoom)

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Patricia Thomson	Chair
Mark Lindley-Highfield of Ballumbie Castle	Treasurer
Jack Tomlinson	Careers Coordinator (Acting Secretary)

Apologies:

Not Present:

Samuel Reese	Master of Moots (Acting Vice-Chair)
Cordelia Wright	Secretary

Agenda

Welcomes
Accounts year July 2024 – August 2025
Current Financial Position
Bank Account update
Membership of the Committee
New OULS Website

Welcomes:

Patricia welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the absence of Samuel and Cordelia.

Accounts:

Mark presented the Society's accounts for 2024/25. He stated that these accounts have been scrutinised by 2 current members of the OULS independent of the committee no concerns were raised by them. Mark noted that we have a healthy amount in our deposit account which is held in trust by the Open SU. The accounts were approved by the committee.

Current Financial Position:

Mark updated the committee on the current financial position of the society he noted that he was concerned with the low amount currently in the PayPal account. The committee shared these concerns. It was proposed by Patricia and Seconded by Jack that Mark contact the Open SU and enquire about moving £1000 from the deposit account to the PayPal account. This was approved by the committee.

Bank Account update:

Patricia updated the society on her progress in setting up a bank account for the OULS. She has identified that there is a type of account for community societies however 2 signatories (Chair and Treasurer) need to be members of that bank of which they were not. Mark noted that he is a member of the sister bank of one of the options Patricia looked at. Patricia will follow up with the bank and see if this is an option.

Membership of the Committee:

Patricia provided an update on the membership of the committee She stated that Cordelia has not been in contact and has not responded to any communications from Patricia however there was a personal matter going on before this. Jack agreed to act as secretary in the interim while she was dealing with the personal matter however there has been no communication since. Samuel has taken a leave of absence due to him starting new employment however has since also become nonresponsive. Patricia believes that there is no need to run an ad hock election due to the proximity to the main elections. Mark asked when this is and the committee agreed that they should be some time in August same as the 2025 one.

New OULS Website

Patricia stated that the work on the website is ongoing, and she hopes to have something prepared for the committee soon

Actions:

- 1) Mark to email Open SU about moving money to PayPal and paying Patricia's expenses
 - 2) Patricia to look into a bank for the OULS
 - 3) Patricia to work on website – Ongoing
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