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28 June Annual General Meeting – Financial Controller's Report

It proved to be quite hard work, but we successfully opened 2 accounts at Metro Bank last summer, one of which we haven't used yet (a Business Instant Access Account, which came as part of a package, as it were). The one we do use is a Business Community Account.

Unfortunately, Metro Bank have introduced a Business Community Account monthly fee of £3 from December 2025. Given the work involved with opening the account, we decided to keep it rather than seeking the elusive free banking, which is generally not available to organisations like ours.

The bank signatories are currently Alex Longson and me, and all operations are carried out electronically just by me, with payments out authorised by the President. Bank statements are downloaded monthly and passed to the Treasurer.

I am pleased to say there's very little work for me to do. I am happy to continue in the role, but when we finally get a new Treasurer, they may wish to take over operating the bank account.

I am happy to answer questions by email in advance of the Meeting.

Mick Norris
8 June 2026