



**RUNNING THE RAINBOW SINCE 2013**  
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## Edinburgh Frontrunners AGM 2025

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 at 14:00  
The Street, 2b Picardy Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JT**

46 members were present (see separate attendance sheet) including the outgoing committee:

- Michael O'Rourke (outgoing President)
- Martin Johnston (outgoing Vice President)
- Martyn Whitwell (outgoing Secretary)
- Pat Blashill (outgoing Treasurer)
- Paulo Buoni (outgoing Communications Officer)
- Steven Voy (outgoing Communications Officer)
- Helen Manson (outgoing Communications Officer)
- Kate Foggo (outgoing Learn to Run Officer)
- Louis Julien (outgoing Equality & Diversity Officer)
- Karen Halliday (outgoing Equality & Diversity Officer)

### **1. Welcome**

The meeting started at 14:15 and members were welcomed by Secretary Martyn Whitwell. Blank cards for members to write down ideas, suggestions and feedback were circulated and collected at the end of the meeting.

### **2. Presidents Report**

The outgoing President Michael O'Rourke reported on the activities of the club over the past year:

*"Good afternoon frontrunners,*

*I stand before you for the last time as your president. Hopefully I'll remember my speech this time. I think I'm already doing better this year, plus I have a speech that I've taken the time to write.*

*I'd like to start by giving my thanks to -*

*The friendly staff members of the street for allowing us to host our annual AGM here once again.*

*The hard working members of this year's committee for giving 110% to make this past year a great one for the club.*

*A special thanks to Neil Laidlaw for his hard work organising our pride run.*

*The brass monkey and Di Giorgio's for supplying us with great food and drink after our runs.*

*Last but not least all the lovely members of our club, without you all we wouldn't exist.*

*Oh and let's not forget the lovely lady who helped me write this speech, the First Lady herself. I've never been one for writing speeches.*

*I can't wait to see what exciting trips and events next year's committee will come up with.*  
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### **3. Statement of Account and Balance Sheet**

The outgoing Treasurer Pat Blashill circulated a Treasurer's report (see separate report). The club received an income of £4,874, had expenses of £4,796.01, and has a net balance of £50.99.

### **4. Amendments to the Constitution and Club Policies**

A motion to amend clause 8 (Management) clause 8(a), adding two positions of General Committee Members to the Committee. The motion was put to the membership and approved unanimously.

### **5. Hosting an Edinburgh Frontrunners Pride Run in June 2026**

A motion to host an Edinburgh Frontrunners Pride Run was put to the membership and approved unanimously. A custom-made mug was gifted to Neil Laidlaw as appreciation for his effort in leading the organisation of Edinburgh

Frontrunners Pride Rune in 2025. Neil has also agreed to lead the organisation in 2026.

## **6. Setting up an EFR Access Fund**

A motion to set up an EFR Access Fund to meet the entrance fees of runners experiencing financial hardship was put to the membership and approved unanimously.

## **7. Approval of the Annual Membership Fee**

A motion to keep the club membership fees at their current level of £15 for regular members and £5 for students/unwaged for the 2025/26 was put to the membership and approved unanimously.

## **8. Prize Nominations**

Nomination forms were handed out for the annual prizes:

- All-weather runner,
- Most inspiring runner of the year,
- Best improver,
- Biggest contribution to EFR culture in 2025, and
- Committee member of the year.

The prize winners will be announced at the Christmas Dinner 2025 on 13th December.

## **9. Election of Committee Members**

- i. **Martyn Whitwell** stood for the position of **President** and was duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.
- ii. **Martin Johnston** stood for the position of **Vice President** and was duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.
- iii. **Pat Blashill** stood for the position of **Treasurer** and was duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.
- iv. **Taylor Chu** stood for the position of **Secretary** and was duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.
- v. **Kate Foggo** and Henry Walker stood for the position of **Social Secretary**. A vote was taken, and Kate Foggo was duly elected for the year 2025/26.
- vi. **Megan Fulton and Annabel** stood as joint **Communications Officer** (shared) and were duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.
- vii. **Victoria von Rintelen** stood for the position of **Learn to Run Officer** and was duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.

- viii. **Louis Julien and Karen Halliday** stood for the position of **Diversity & Equality Officer** (shared) and were duly elected unopposed for the year 2025/26.
  - ix. Antony Redman, **Aubrey Bader**, Michael O'Rourke and **Nick Ward** stood for the position of **General Committee Members** (2 positions available). A vote was taken, and Aubrey Bader and Nick Ward were duly elected for the year 2025/26.
10. The AGM closed at 15:15 and delicious rainbow cake courtesy of Pat was shared amongst members.