

# MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> CLOUD AGM 2025

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – The Snug, Boot & Shoe, Lancaster

### Attendance (14)

Committee: Mary Breakell, Tony Breakell, Mark Salisbury, Sally Salisbury, Barbara Walker, Tom Wilkinson, Belinda Nixie.

Members: Rosemary Hindley, Jill Bundy, John Mosey, Joyce Pollard, Dina Lew, Roger Frankland, Frank Timperley.

**Apologies:** (7) Val Purnell, Helena Todd, Abi Mills, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Robin Jackson, Heather Willes, David Ford.

### Introduction and welcome

The meeting opened at 7.30pm when Tom Wilkinson, Chair, welcomed all those present to CLOUD's ninth AGM.

### 1) Minutes of 2024 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024, had been issued to all members with the agenda on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025. They were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

The Chair also explained that the CLOUD constitution requires us to hold an annual meeting each October at which we :

- Receive reports from the Chair and Treasurer
- Elect a new Management Committee
- Decide on CLOUD's future course of action, and
- Address all questions and issues raised by CLOUD members.

### 2) Report by the Chair

Tom Wilkinson presented a brief report on some of CLOUD's activities over the last year, which had been included in regular Newsbriefs. A full copy of the Chair's report and Mary Breakell's report about changes to local government structure (see item 5 below) will be available on the CLOUD website.

1. **Gladmans' planning application** to build 644 houses on land NE of Bailrigg Lane, Scotforth (Application No. 19/01135/OUT). Local residents and groups including CLOUD spoke in opposition at the appeal hearing. The appeal was refused and shortly afterwards there was an announcement to say that the land had been purchased for a new Lancaster hospital.
2. **Lancaster City Council's Local Plan revision** is under way. A new timetable for the Local Plan Review was announced after the new National Planning Policy Framework was issued by the government in December 2024. On October 1 2025 Lancaster City Council issued their Scoping and Early Participation Stage which will last for 4 months, concluding on Monday 26 January 2026. The Local Plan Hub is accessible and there are regular invitations for queries and for members of the public to signal if anything is unclear, a very welcome development. We encourage you to explore it and get involved in the process.  
<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-review>
3. **Lancashire County Growth Plan.** Lancashire County Council issued a revised growth plan in March 2025. From the CLOUD perspective, the most important feature was the absence of any reference to the South Lancaster Growth Catalyst, this being the umbrella term for Bailrigg Garden Village.
4. **Wain Homes.** Back in May 2024, Wain Homes' appeal against refusal of planning permission for the Highland Brow site was rejected by the Planning Inspector. Earlier this month, Wain Homes re-applied for planning permission, for a slightly reduced number of houses. The earliest date for this application to come before the City Council's Planning Committee is November 2025. An active group of Galgate residents is campaigning hard against the application and CLOUD is supporting them. Expect more developments in the next few weeks and we invite all CLOUD members in Galgate who haven't already objected to do so without delay.  
<https://planning.lancaster.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=T07T1OIZHHI00>

5. **Proposed Local Authority Reorganisation.** Mary Breakell added some breaking news about the government's intention to abolish 2 tier county and district councils, including Lancaster City Council, and create unitary councils with populations of around half a million people. The new unitary authorities would take control of all local services and would be involved in linking to other councils. BBC News report at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg4d31xnr2o>

Thanks were expressed to Tom Wilkinson for the Chair's report, which was accepted.

### **3) Report by the Treasurer**

Tony Breakell reported that there has been no movement in funds held in the last year. There is no cash held and the opening and closing balance at the bank is £378.07.

There is no foreseen need for outlay and there is no need to raise further funds at present. The possibility of needing to pay for room hire for next year's AGM was considered as was having flyers printed if the need arises. The meeting authorised the Management Committee to decide on the need for such expenditure over the next year.

The report will be available to view on the CLOUD website.

Thanks were expressed to Tony Breakell for the Treasurer's report, which was accepted.

### **4) Election of the new Management Committee for the Year to October 2026**

A block nomination had been received from most of the outgoing Management Committee members. No further nominations had been received. The Chair invited members to chat to him after the meeting if they were interested in joining the committee.

Nominations in full:

Chair – Tom Wilkinson, Treasurer - Tony Breakell, Minutes Secretary – Belinda Nixie.

Other Committee Members – Mary Breakell (IT, Web & Communications), Mark Salisbury (Burrow representative), Babs Walker, Sally Salisbury.

The nominations were proposed and seconded and the election of the above Management Committee members was approved for the year to October 2026.

### **5) Objectives for the year to October 2026**

As in the past we will stick to our aim of opposing **unnecessary** developments and will keep members informed through CLOUD Newsbriefs.

Key issues are likely to be:

- the ongoing revision of the Lancaster Local Plan and public consultation
- Central government plans for local authority reorganisation
- Central government housing policy
- Further house building applications and, perhaps, appeals against refusal.

Tom Wilkinson particularly thanked Mary and Tony Breakall for continuing to put in the hard miles on CLOUD's work throughout the year and Barbara Walker for her excellent public speaking at planning hearings.

### **6) Any Other Business:**

- Nothing was raised under AOB.

### **7) Date of Next Meeting:**

October 2026 – date to be notified nearer the time.

At 8.05pm hours Tom Wilkinson declared the 2025 AGM closed and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.