



EUROMAYENNE

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2025

On Saturday 11th October 2025 at 10.16am, the Annual General Meeting of the EuroMayenne Association, whose registered office is located at the Maison des Associations, 130 Rue de la Vuisitation, Mayenne (51300), was held in Room 1 of the Espace Grimaldi, 84 Place des Halles, in Mayenne (53100).

45 members were present or represented, the quorum having been fixed at 30 members present or represented in the internal rules of the Association.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE, Co-President of the Association with responsibility for administration and communications, opened the AGM and thanked the following officials for their presence :

- Monsieur Jean-Pierre LE SCORNET, Mayor of Mayenne and President of Mayenne Communauté,
 - Madame Stéphanie LEFOULON, Deputy Mayor of Mayenne,
 - Monsieur Pierre DOUILLET, President of the University of Free Time in Haute-Mayenne,
- and also all the members of the Association EuroMayenne present for this AGM.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE invited those present to take a moment to think of Yvette BUSSENEAU, an honorary member of the Association, who died in March 2025.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE informed the people present of the Agenda for the AGM as follows:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 19/10/2024**
- 3. Activity Report 2024-2025 and discussions in the room**
- 4. Financial Report 2024-2025 and Audit Report of our accounts 2024-2025**
- 5. Moral and Orientations Report 2025-2026**
- 6. Provisional Budget 2025-2026**
- 7. Election of members to the Executive Committee**
- 8. Any other questions**

1 - Apologies

Apologies had been received from the following:

- Madame Géraldine BANNIER, Member of Parliament,
 - Monsieur Yannick FAVENNEC, Member of Parliament,
 - Monsieur Guillaume GAROT, Member of Parliament,
 - Madame Elisabeth DOINEAU, Senator,
 - Madame Valérie HAYER, Member of the European Parliament,
 - Monsieur Florian BERCAULT, Mayor of Laval,
 - Monsieur Antoine VALPREMIT, Departmental Councillor, 1st Vice-President of Mayenne Communauté, Mayor of Sacé,
 - Madame Jacqueline DALIBARD, Co-President of The House of Europe in Mayenne,
 - Monsieur Michel FERRON, Administrator of The House of Europe in Mayenne and General Secretary of the Fédération des Maisons de l'Europe,
 - Madame Françoise MARCHAND, Administrator of The House of Europe in Mayenne,
 - Madame Annick BAYER, Vice-President of the University of Free Time in Haute-Mayenne,
- also Jeff and Sandra BISHOP, Didier and Rachel CHAMPIN (proxy votes with Patrice and Martine BOMPAIS), Didier et Marie-Claude CHANGEON (proxy votes with Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE), Lynn CHESTERS, Eileen CLARK, Jean-François and Françoise DAURE (proxy votes with Georges PLESSIS), Mic DUFRASNE, Fred and Janet GREATOREX, David and Alison KEHAYA, Michel LIEBERT, Alan and Jackie ROBERTS, Peter WOODS, Co-President, Keith and Jacquie WYLDE, members of EuroMayenne,
- Alain FAUCON, the teacher of French employed by EuroMayenne.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE reminded those present that the notices for this Annual General Meeting were sent by email on September 25th 2025 to all members of the Association, together with a link to the Association's website where the reports to be presented during this meeting have been available since that date. A copy of the various reports can also be viewed in this room.

Three members are required to be present to count the votes in the event of a secret ballot. Patrice BOMPAIS, Anne DUGUERET and Tony BLYTHIN volunteered and the members present approved their candidatures.

2 – Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th October 2024

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE reminded the meeting that these minutes have been available on the Association's website since the notification was sent to members on the 25th September 2025.

There were no questions with regard to these minutes.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th October 2024 were approved unanimously by all members present or represented.

3 – Activity Report 2024-2025 and discussions within the room

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE reminded the meeting that this report has been available for consultation on the Association's website since the notification was sent to members on the 25th September 2025.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE and Susan JAMESON jointly presented the report :

Membership

241 members as at 31/08/2025 (235 at 31/08/2024)

21 % new members – with an average age of 63 years

29% members who are professionally active

62% native English speakers / 34% native French speakers / 4% members with different nationalities

59% female and 41% male

186 members having renewed their membership to date

Our thanks to Roselyne SPEYER, Treasurer, and Simon KING, Membership Secretary.

French Lessons

46, 42 and 41 members enrolled to join our 3 sessions of French language instruction in 2024-2025

Our thanks to:

- The Town of Mayenne for its generosity in allowing the use of the room in the Ancienne Mairie without charge,
- Alain FAUCON, our teacher, for his collaboration for more than 20 years with our association,
- Peter WOODS, Coordinator of our French language lessons.

Conversation Workshops

Mayenne:

Evening session: **15** participants (9 francophones and 6 anglophones) on average.

Afternoon session: **12** participants (6 francophones and 6 anglophones) on average.

Laval:

6 participants (4 francophones and 2 anglophones) on average at the evening session. We are looking to recruit 1 or 2 further anglophones.

Lassay-les-Châteaux:

9 participants (5 francophones and 4 anglophones) on average at the evening session.

Our thanks to the Lycée Don Bosco (Mayenne), the Maison de Quartier des Fourches (Laval) and to the Mairie (Lassay-les-Châteaux) for the use of their rooms, also to Colette BERRON and Lynn CHESTERS (Mayenne), Armelle JAMELOT (Laval) and Paul-Henri PROUST (Lassay-les-Châteaux) for their organisation of these workshops.

Linguistic Support in English

15 participants were registered.

Our thanks to the seven native anglophones who volunteered to lead the groups (Stephen BOSTOCK, Simon KING, Sarah SMITH, Sandra and Jeffrey BISHOP, Susan and Michael JAMESON).

School Interventions

There were 2 interventions in 2024-2025 at two bilingual primary schools in Le Bourgneuf la Foret and Mayenne.

Our thanks to Simon KING, responsible for our school interventions, and our native anglophone volunteers (Sheelagh ABBOTS, Linda POWELL, Robin POWELL, Sarah SMITH and Peter WOODS).

Alison KEHAYA has taken over the organisation of these interventions from Simon KING as of September 2025.

Volunteer Assistance Support

There were no requests for assistance from our members in 2024-2025.

Our thanks to Lynn CHESTERS and Sylvie QUINTON for their organisation and coordination of this group and also to the volunteers of the group (Fred and Janet GRETOREX, Carol ENSOR, Patrice BOMPAIS, Fabienne GARNIER).

As Lynn CHESTERS wished to step down, Sylvie QUINTON is now the coordinator of this network.

Monthly Outings

We have organised 13 outings and events from September 2024 to August 2025 with an average of 20 participants on each outing.

Our thanks to the Activities Committee members (Susan JAMESON, Pam DAVIES, Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE, Armelle JAMELOT, Valérie MASSEROT, Paul PUNCHARD) for their efforts in organising these monthly outings.

Monthly Teas

15 participants on average (29 participants at our Galette des Rois in January 2025)

Our thanks to Eileen CLIMANCE for her organisation of these meetings.

Special Interest Groups

Craft: 9 participants on average

Gardening: 3 meetings, 1 plant swap, 3 visits to gardens and 2 nature visits.

Walking: 8 walks with an average of 11 participants

Reading: 9 meetings with 12 participants on average

Cinema: 9 sessions with 17 participants on average (58 % of the total public)

Well-being : 5 sessions with an average of 8 participants

Our thanks to Susan JAMESON, leader of the Activities Committee, also to everyone responsible for the special interest groups (Patrice and Martine BOMPAIS, Stephen and Julia BOSTOCK, Gérard BOURSIER, Susan CHARNOCK, Lynn CHESTERS, Pam DAVIES, Simon DEARSLEY, Mic DUFRASNE, Susan JAMESON, Alison KEHAYA, Ross TANNER), for their involvement and continued commitment to the organisation of our leisure activities.

Communications

EuroMayenne webpage:

As Julie WATSON wished to resign from the post of webmaster this year, Simon KING and Clotilde SEDOUGA have taken over this important role. We give our sincere thanks to all three for their dedicated work to ensure that the website is up to date and accurate.

Facebook

The public page of our association has 598 followers.

Bi-Lingual Medical Emergency Guide

This guide based on initial work carried out by SAMU 16 and the Angoulême Hospital Centre (16) was designed to help native English Speakers call emergency medical services. Thanks for the 1,000€ funding from the Community Life Development Fund (FDVA), 3,000 copies printed at the Lycée Léonard de Vinci in Mayenne are currently being distributed in our Department.

Our thanks to all the members of our Communications Committee for their work on this initiative. (Patrice BOMPAIS, Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE, Simon KING, Christian LAIGLE, Paul PUNCHARD (also to Sheelagh ABBOTS and Clotilde SEDOUGA who have decided to resign).

CONCLUSION

Thanks are extended to all members who voluntarily organized our activities and to all those who participated in them. If any member wishes to take on responsibilities within our association, they are invited to let the co-presidents know.

There were no questions with regard to the Activities Report 2024-2025.

The Activity Report 2024-2025 was unanimously approved by members present or represented.

4 – Financial Report 2024-2025 and Audit Report 2024-2025

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE reminded the meeting that the Financial Report 2024-2025 has been available to read on the association's website for all members since the notice of the AGM had been sent on the 25th September 2025.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE thanked Roselyne SPEYER for her rigorous efficiency in the presentation of our accounts and finances, and also Anne DUGUERET, a EuroMayenne member who has conducted an audit of our accounts this year.

Roselyne SPEYER, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report and Audit Report 2024-2025.

There were no questions in relation to these two reports.

The Financial Report and Audit Report for 2024-2025 were approved unanimously by members present or represented.

5 – Moral and Orientations Report 2025-2026

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE reminded the meeting that this report has been available for member's scrutiny on the website since the 25th September 2025.

Georges PLESSIS, Co-President with responsibility for finance, presented the Moral Report and the Orientations for 2025-2026.

Following this presentation, a discussion ensued on welcoming new members. The Communications Committee will consider actions to be implemented.

The Moral and Orientations Report 2025-2026 was approved unanimously by members present or represented.

6 – Provisional Budget 2025-2026

Georges PLESSIS presented the provisional Budget for 2025-2026 and Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE thanked him for this work and for his long term vision for the management of the Association's finances.

7 - Election of Members to the Executive Committee

Today the mandates of Colette BERRON, Pam DAVIES, Clotilde SEDOUGA and Roselyne SPEYER end.

Clotilde SEDOUGA has decided not to seek a new mandate and Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE warmly thanked her for her commitment, noting that she had served as President for a three year period.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE also thanked Sheelagh ABBOTS, who has decided to retire from the Executive Committee noting her commitment over this last year.

Consequently there are five vacant posts.

Colette BERRON, Pam DAVIES and Roselyne SPEYER are seeking to renew their mandates.

An appeal for additional candidates was sent by email to all members by Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE on 11th September 2025 and two new candidates came forward: Catherine FAVREAU and Alison KEHAYA.

The candidates made their presentation to the meeting in alphabetical order :

Colette BERRON, Pam DAVIES, Catherine FAVREAU, Alison KEHAYA (absent, her presentation given by Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE), Roselyne SPEYER.

There were no questions with regard to this election.

With no further candidates for the available positions, Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE asked for a show of hands for each candidate and there were no objections.

Result of the vote

- Colette BERRON, Pam DAVIES and Roselyne SPEYER were re-elected unanimously for three years,
- Catherine FAVREAU was elected for three years,
- Alison KEHAYA was elected for the remaining duration of the mandate of Sheelagh ABBOTS, two years (conforming with article 4.1.1. of the internal rules).

Following this Annual General Meeting the Executive will meet on Saturday 18th October to elect the officers of the Association (3 co-presidents, treasurer, deputy treasurer, secretary, deputy secretary).

8 – Any Other Questions

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE asked the meeting if anyone had any questions or information to give.

Colette BERRON reported that the Monday evening Conversation Workshop in Mayenne is looking for native anglophones to volunteer to take part.

As there were no further items on the Agenda, Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE closed the meeting at 12.06pm and invited all present to enjoy a convivial apéritif.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE

Co-President

Georges PLESSIS

Co-President