

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026*

Present:

Chairman:	Richard Edwards
Committee:	Keith Veness, Steve Shoesmith, John Walter, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke, Rodney Shoesmith, Chris Cooper, John Morris, Brian Pask and Paul Douglas
Co-opted:	Tom Ford
Admin Officer:	Jenny Elliott
President:	Bruce Dowling

1. Admin Officer's Report

Jenny presented the financial accounts for the end of December. With one invoice awaited, there is a deficit of £11,883. December had been a very good month in comparison to last year and, though we end on a deficit, considering we started the year with expenses on balcony, doors, and bulldozer tracks to the value of £18,540, this deficit is actually an indication of how much we have improved throughout the year.

Jenny confirmed that our savings bond matured on 7th January and we have received interest of £1,500. Jenny asked what the committee would like to do with the funds next (£70k). It was agreed to reinvest the same amount for a further 6 months and Jenny had found a 6 month account for 4.25%

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were received by the committee prior to the meeting and were agreed by a show of hands.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Shaun Massey and Steve Saunders.

4. Rule Changes for AGM

Jenny collated all rule and byelaw changes into one document for agreement by the committee. These included main rule changes due to membership process changes, byelaw changes relating to the same, new beach byelaws, and byelaw changes relating to specimen weights. These were all agreed by the committee. Byelaws will be amended immediately, with constitution changes to be submitted to the AGM for agreement.

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5. Maintenance/Building Matters.

John updated that the balcony repairs are waiting for the weather to be suitable.

Other maintenance that needs to be looked at is a leak above the committee outside door. Window repairs will be done next Monday and a spring clean is scheduled for Monday 19th. The L-shaped bench nearest the door needs recovering – Jenny to arrange.

6. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Steve updated that New Year's Eve went very well. 165 chairs were put out so everyone in attendance had a chair.

It was asked if the bar speakers could be wired into the TV for things like sports events to be heard effectively. Richard will look into this.

7. Membership Applications

10 social, and 4 angling applications were received which were approved by the committee.

8. Commodore's Report

Les updated that no boats have been off since the winter comp, so all in the yard is quiet. There was a water burst, but this has now been fixed.

9. Competition Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

10. Angling

a. Junior Report

Brian said they are currently on their winter break and will resume on 2nd February. The workshop is still being refurbished.

The next beach comp is scheduled for 16th January.

b. 2025 Trophies

We now have the trophy list and there are quite a few not taken. This list will be issued for the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12th February.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:55