

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026*

Present:

Chairman: Richard Edwards

Committee: Keith Veness, John Walter, Steve Shoesmith, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke, Rodney Shoesmith, Shaun Massey, Chris Cooper, John Morris, Brian Pask, Paul Douglas, Tom Ford and Lucille Walter

Admin Officer: Jenny Elliott

1. Admin Officer's Report

Jenny presented the accounts for the end of March. The bar is slightly ahead of last year, but with spending under control we are now in a decent position with a £14k surplus.

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 Bruce Dowling.

4. AGM Minutes

The minutes from the AGM were reviewed and agreed.

Reg Boyce had made a comment regarding the heating and Les suggested Hive and allowing the bar tablet to have access for controlling the temperature. Richard will investigate this and John will arrange our electricians to install it once it arrives. A letter will be sent to Reg to inform him that the committee are looking into options.

Paul Carter had raised a concern regarding contacting the council about parking. This has also been raised with several members of the committee since the AGM, despite Jenny answering at the time that it would go no further. Jenny explained to the committee that she had made an initial enquiry regarding the possibility, and as Paul's concern at the AGM was valid, she has contacted the council to stop any further progress. A letter will be sent to Paul to confirm the comments made at the AGM and the committee considers this matter closed.

5. Maintenance/Building Matters.

The committee room leak is now looking good. The windows to the left of the balcony doors have a gap and they have been sealed with silicone. Tom mentioned that there is now a maintenance book behind the bar.

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Lucille asked if we could have a “Lift Access” sign on the front of the building to inform people passing that they don’t have to use the stairs.

6. Secretary’s Report and Correspondence

The Winkle Club have requested a grab rail beside the stage stairs. This was agreed.

Jenny asked if we would like to run the same advert in this year’s Carnival program and this was agreed.

7. Membership Applications

22 social, and 3 angling applications were received which were approved by the committee.

8. Commodore’s Report

A new water pump was fitted on the winch engine. Otherwise, all going well.

9. Competition Secretary’s Report

The first comp will take place next weekend. The meeting after the AGM went well. The booklet needs to be updated with this year’s dates and sent to Ben for the website.

10. Angling

a. Junior Report

The juniors are now back on their usual Wednesdays and are fishing well.

Mark Fairhurst has offered to take the kids on his charter boat free of charge on 9th May.

Brian said that he would like to hold an open day to officially open and show off the new Youth Clubhouse in June.

b. Prize-Giving Evening

It was a really good, and well-attended evening. Nicola mentioned that the PA was terrible and suggested that next year we should look at using the full PA system. Richard will look into the microphones for the bar PA.

Steve Shoesmith offered a TV to replace the one that broke and is used for our quiz nights.

While on the subject of sound systems, Nicola asked about the sound from the TV being connected to our speakers. Richard said this had been done, but for some reason it doesn’t work when playing terrestrial channels.

It was also mentioned that we need dimmable lights in the extension, but this would be costly.

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11. Beach Angling Membership

While this was agreed previously, a joining fee was not discussed. Matching the social membership joining fee of £7 was proposed by Brian, seconded by Steve and agreed by a show of hands.

12. Any Other Business

- a. Richard suggested that, now that John is Honorary Secretary, we will get him on the licence holder training.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:24