

TOTNES BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 18th AUGUST 2026 AT 10.00 AM

1. MEMBERS PRESENT:- John Roberts, Caroline Rogers, Ray Eatock, John Shepherd, Ruth Hughes, Graham Webb, Paul Eames

2. APOLOGIES:- Ken Law, Lynda Joseph,

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 21st JULY 2026

The minutes for this meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

11.1 – paving slabs

All of the paving slabs around the edge of the green have been levelled except one. white paint has applied to various edges of the slabs.

11.3 – hand dryer

The hand dryer in the mens' toilet has been replaced.

11.4 – tap in the men's toilet

The pressure has been reduced.

11.5 – Web mail

The web mail is still not working for CR.

Action:- JS and CR to meet at a location which has Wi-Fi to resolve this

11.7 – sprinkler system

The system is now working apart from one section which is being looked at

4.6. work on the green

JR has phoned Max to say that we wish him continue his maintenance of the green next year

4.10 key safe installation

The final location needs to be decided then Cliff Watts will fix it to the wall

4.9 wi-fi and camera

It is possible to get a SIM only router option for £8 a month

The camera will have to be connected to a power supply

Router cost = £45

Camera = £50

SV card = £40

Total cost = £150 to £160

12.9 Shredding old documents

CR has found a company on the industrial estate that will shred a large bag of documents for £10. It is estimated that it will need two bagfuls. This will be done in the autumn

5. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER

The balance at the end of July was £12,894.91

The August expenditure will be higher due to the ground works.

The details of drinks purchased at the bar still needs improving.

Essential pieces of information are:-

The competition being played

The cost

And was it paid or not.

GW discovered the old Fire Regulations folder which he passed to CR.

Sponsorship

The money that was promised has still not been paid by the “King Bill”

A donation has been received from the tennis club

It is not known if Bakers and the Taxi company are still paying their sponsorship money

Action: JS will speak to Mike Hannaford (MH) before sending a blank invoice form to GW who will send out sponsorship invoices

The total bank balance this morning stood at £10,092.83

6. PLAYING SECTION MATTERS

The opening day for next season will be 17 April 2027.

There is a tourist game on 5th September this year.

Finals day for next year will be on 11 and 12 September.

The Captain vs Presidents Day will be moved next year to avoid a clash with the Totnes Show.

7. CHARITY STATUS

JS said that the club can apply for Charity Status, which would make it easier to apply for grants. There is an Audi Sports Fund which gives grants to some sports clubs. JS has already put in an application for a grant.

GW said the club should apply to be a Community Interest Company first, before applying for charity status. The committee voted unanimously to do this.

The club have been successful in grant applications to the Totnes Community Fund, which have been successful in the past. This fund is now being managed by a separate company.

In terms of the Local Government Restructuring, current local government employees have been asked what this means for sports clubs, but none of those approached have any idea what the new arrangements will be.

8. BOWLS HUB

Bowls Hub are a small business. JS has spoken to 2 clubs that are using the system.

If we wish to review its usefulness to the club, we can have it as a free trial for 12 months.

It would be useful to have this trial, and maybe have a coffee morning to train people how to use it.

For example JS could reconfigure his diary content to fit in with the hub.

The cost in the second and subsequent years would be £2 per club member.

There is more information at www.bowls-hub.co.uk

There are only 10 clubs on the list.

Most golf clubs are using a similar hub.

9. WORK ON THE GREEN

No bills have been received for the work on the green, except one for the tarmac reinstatement.

Action: JR to speak to Mike Hannaford (MH) about the current sponsors

After which JS will speak to South Hams about their significant contribution to the irrigation system.

Max's estimate for his work on the green this year is £5,000 + VAT

Last years' cost was £4,868 + VAT

We are currently paying £460.80 per month.

These figures do not include the price of seeds, weedkiller, fertilizers, and maybe renovation and aeration, etc.

Action JR to contact Max for verification on exactly what is or is not included in these prices

10. REPORTS FROM CLUB OFFICERS

No reports have been received.

Paddy is to test the BBQ and has bought a gas bottle to do this

11. CHARITY DAY

Rain is forecast for the Charity Day.

Alternative dates are 13 September or 20 September

The Summers' Trophies event has been cancelled.

JR has received offers from some members volunteering to provide salads on the day.

The committee previously agreed that salads would not be provided.

Action: JR to send out an email to all members to say that the committee had decided at their last meeting that no salads would be provided. However if any members wish to bring salads on the day, they are more than welcome to do so.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 – Members of opposing male 'A' teams are generally arriving in fully matching clothing.

By contrast, our members wear grey trousers or shorts in a variety of different shades.

JR suggested that our 'A' team would look much smarter if they switched to Royal Blue, all supplied by the same company (ACEIT) so that all colours matched.

JR and John Leonard (JL) have very generously offered to pay a third each towards the cost. The remaining third to be covered by the club.

Trousers would be £34 and shorts £30.

Some discussion followed regarding both the B team and Ladies teams doing the same. Also whether this was thought would be acceptable to members, etc

Action: All committee members to give it some thought for discussion at the next meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday 22nd September at 10.00 am

Signed by the Chairman

Date