



CHURCHDOWN CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held on **March 25th 2024** at **19:00** in the **Function Room**

Present (Top table)	Gina Jones Clare Dare Rachel Tomkins Ian Willcock Andy Grainger Jo Parry Jason Tomkins Grant Burgess Patrick McCaffrey Graham Wildin Charlotte Nourse	President and Chairperson Hon Secretary Assistant Secretary Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Newly elected Committee Member Accountant / Auditor Club Manager
Other	Richard Fernandes Graham Dean	Tennis Representative Bowls Representative
Apologies	Paul Brooke - Hon Treasurer Ben Brooke - Committee Member P. McCarthy J. Ross M. Rainbow J.Kemsley	
Members Present	26	

Item 1 – Opening Statement	Action
<p>President opened the meeting at 19:01hrs. President confirmed that the attendance was sufficient to validate the AGM. Apologies for absence accepted.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>Ian Willcock proposed, Andy Grainger seconded, that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate representation of all that was discussed in the 2023 meeting.</p>	
<p>Item 3 – Actions, and matters arising, from the minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Item 4 – President’s Annual Report. <i>Georgina Jones gave a prepared speech:</i></p> <p>Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to our Annual General Meeting. It is with great pride that I stand before you today to reflect on yet another remarkable year. Our Club not only continues to flourish but is on a solid trajectory of growth and modernisation.</p>	

This year, we have reinvested significantly in our infrastructure; updating and modernising essential equipment to meet our ongoing needs for maintenance, security, and compliance with health and safety standards.

Before moving further, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the committee members for their dedication and time to the Club's day-to-day operations. I also want to thank all the businesses and volunteers for their commitment and the hard work they have generously contributed to the Club. Your support is the backbone of our success and does not go unnoticed.

I want to acknowledge and thank Squadron Leader Ian Willcock for his invaluable contributions as he leaves the committee and embarks on his new posting in Poland. Thank you, Ian! We welcome our new committee member, Patrick McCaffrey, and we are pleased to have Adam Doherty express interest in rejoining us.

Charlotte Nourse, our Club Manager, deserves a heartfelt thank you for her professionalism and leadership. Her efforts, along with those of her dedicated team, have ensured a warm welcome for both members and visitors alike. Charlotte's monthly reports offer valuable insights into the Club's daily operations and are available on our website. Her promotional work on social media and the CCL Newsletter has contributed significantly to our successful events, clubs, and functions throughout 2023. We anticipate this momentum to continue into 2024 with our popular Skittles nights, live music events, and festivals.

I extend my gratitude to our Bowls Committee Representative, Graham Dene, and Tennis Committee Representative, Richard Fernandez, for their unwavering support. Their contributions have been significant in our Club's success. We want to thank them both and their teams for the upkeep of their sections.

Thanks to Jess and Sarah's culinary excellence, our Sunday lunches remain a highlight. Charlotte and Clare's commitment to maintaining our 5-star hygiene rating exemplifies the hard work behind the scenes.

I thank Delipizza for consistently delivering top-quality service and enhancing our Club's dining experience.

A special mention goes to Trevor Thorn from Thorn Homes and PSK Architects for their dedication to our ramp access project. With planning permission pending archaeological review, we are exploring various funding options and anticipate construction beginning later this year.

I must express our gratitude to Patrick McCaffrey for the hard work he has put into the comprehensive fire safety assessment—a critical initiative that remains in progress. Along with Jason Tomkins, he has also pushed forward with the landscaping at the front of the club. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I also want to acknowledge Johnny for his unwavering support. No matter what we ask for, Johnny is there, ready to assist. He is truly an indispensable member of our club.

While we'll be passing on the Cricket Festival this year due to rising costs, we remain open to future participation.

As we look forward to the future, our vision for 2024 includes making our Club accessible to everyone in our community and continuing to build on the solid foundation we've established.

In closing, I thank each and every one of our members for your continued support and commitment, no matter how small or large. Together, we are making a significant impact in our community and setting the stage for an even brighter future - thank you.

Item 5 - Secretary's Annual Report.

Clare Dare gave a prepared speech:

Current membership is 478 members compared to last year's AGM of 387 an increase of 91 active members. Membership is still being promoted especially now with the increase of drink prices due to the price increase from our suppliers as well as the increase in minimum wage.

Planning has been approved for both the external lift and ramp. The Club has 4 years to complete the lift and 3 years for the ramp.

4Grants (grant broker that was agreed to be used at the Special general meeting) have been unable to find the Club any grants as yet. We have applied for a community grant from the National Lottery however this was not successful. The Committee are actively looking for other grants and therefore an addition to the constitution needs to occur which we hope to be approved later in this meeting.

The Club will now have to start fundraising for the Access for All project. So far we have raised £4100. £4000 sponsorship from Molson Coors and £100 from the donation of race tickets last year.

Health and safety is a priority with general maintenance needing to happen. The Committee will be asking members to help and use their expertise to keep costs down. A review of the policies is underway to ensure they are up to date with current legislation.

Item 6 – Auditors Report.

Mr Graham Wildin reported:

Copy of accounts presented. Mr Wildin reported that it was another successful year for the Club.

Reference page 4:

End of 2023 and 2024 shows comparison.

Bar takings significantly up from £194,843 at the end of the financial year 2023, compared to £264,992 in 2024, which is nearly a 40% increase, even though the drink prices have increased.

Gross profit percentage has remained about the same of 52%, which is good.

Main items of income has increased. Rent has gone up by 20%. Bank interest has provided £1000 for the Club.

Expenditure going out showed an increase in lighting and heat.

Staff costings did increase which is a reflection on how busy the Club has been and the increase in sales.

Repair costs is less than last year. Mr Wildin mentioned that every time he delivers the accounts he notices the improvements and that the Club is looking good, particularly mentioning the function room.

Reference page 5:

Looking at the Net. Profit - is at £17910 year-end 2024 compared to £14194 the previous year.

Reference page 6:

Indicates the position of the Club at the end of the financial year. The main difference being the cash amount in the bank which is £101037 compared to £84825 the previous year, which means the profit the Club has made is in the cash in hand. The Club is in a very good position going forward with the surplus cash.

Overall as a financial point of view, the Club is doing very, very well.

There were no questions for Mr Wildin

Accounts accepted unanimously.

Item 7 – Treasurers Report

Mr Wildin reported on behalf of the Club's Treasurer (see auditor's report above).

Item 8 – Bowls Section Report

Mr Graham Dean reported:

We are about to enter our third full season. Recruitment has gone well and we now have fifty members.

Last season our ladies were very unlucky not to get promotion in what was their 1st season in the league.

The Sunday morning Men's league is progressing well.

This season we have entered the Glevum Mixed League and we look forward to giving more of our players a bit of competitive bowls.
We have a full fixture list of friendlies and this in total gives us over 70 games for the coming season. I would like to point out that on Friday evenings we have a COME AND TRY IT evening which is open to anyone and is free. We have a coach who is qualified.
We open the Green on Saturday 13th April 2024.
We thank the Club Committee for all their help over the past 3 years to get the Club established. We look forward to many more successful years to come.

Item 9 – Tennis Section Report

Mr Richard Fernandes reported:

Since the last AGM a few things have changed, we knocked down the old club house, had a new one erected, which was a complete shambles, had that taken down. And now we are in the process of building the new club house. The foundations are all sorted, and we just need a few days of clear weather, so that we can put it up (fat chance so far this year).

We had a pretty good in the leagues last year. Our men's first team, just trying to stay in the pretty tough 3rd division, had an excellent season and were promoted to the 2nd division. Unfortunately, the men's 2nd team had a tough season, and were unfortunately demoted to the 6th Division. However, we have a new team captain and some enthusiastic junior members coming through, so we hope to do better this year. Our ladies' team had great success, they were promoted to the 3rd division and missed out on top spot by a couple of points. They are building a good solid base of excellent female team members, so much so, that we could look at fielding 2 ladies' teams in the future.

Our Junior section is going from strength to strength and for the first time, we are entering some players into the junior leagues. Our club coach, Neal Cornish runs the junior and senior coaching, which is due to start as soon as the clock changes. The sessions are well attended, and we are always getting enquiries to get coaching. So, if you are interested, just let us know.

We still have friendly club sessions, where everybody, of all levels play tennis in a fun environment and with the days getting lighter we'll be running men's and ladies' sessions too (to get that match practice).

None of all this would be possible without the great support that we get from our great bunch of members. We also have a fantastic committee, who go above and beyond to help with all sorts of things for the club.

I'd also like to thank the main club, for helping, communicating and supporting us when needed. Another great committee of people, who are just as passionate about our club as well as this one.

And finally, we are always looking for new members of all abilities, so if you fancy a knock around, just let us know.

Item 10 – Constitution additions or changes

Proposed addition (J Parry)

Churchdown Club continues its commitment to create an environment in which all of the community are welcomed, valued and respected including those with disabilities and long-term conditions.

This needs to be written into the constitution to ensure eligibility for grants and funding.

Seconded by Ian Willcock.

Item 11 – Election of Office Bearers

i. President

Georgina Jones - Proposed by Trevor Thorn seconded by Ian Willcock. All present were in favour.

Item 12 – AOCB

Item 13– Closure

The President closed the meeting at 19:26pm by thanking the Committee and everyone for coming.

Clare Dare

Hon Secretary.