

Churchdown Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12 January 2026

Location: Churchdown Club

Chair: Gina Jones (Chair)

1. Attendance

Present: Gina (Chair), Jo (Secretary), Mark (Observer), Paul (Committee Member), Anna (Committee Member), Joyce (Bowls Representative), Richard (Tennis Representative), Leo (Committee Member), Hannah (Treasurer), Patrick (Deputy Chair). Charlotte (Manager).

Apologies: Grant (Committee Member)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Previous minutes were approved with no amendments.

3. Reports

Bowls Report

- Green renovations are progressing slowly due to the weather.
- Installation of new sprinklers and pump modifications is underway.
- Changing hut in poor condition due to water ingress; Bowls intend to apply for National Lottery funding.
- Registration weekend scheduled for 6–8 February.
- Parish Council grant funding opportunities discussed.

Tennis Report

- New registration period underway with staggered payment option being introduced.
- Members encouraged to renew before end of January to avoid card access issues.
- Weather has disrupted matches.
- Tennis ladder organised and Christmas tournament considered successful.
- Proposal to reduce height of bushes behind clubhouse to reduce shadow and debris – no objections raised.
- Historic rent payment believed to have been made; Treasurer to verify allocation.

Secretary's Report

- Membership increased from 717 to 731 (+14).
- Andy Granger has resigned from the Committee due to other commitments; thanks recorded for his service.

Treasurer's Report

- December performance £6k above budget; year-to-date £37k ahead.
- Forecast profit approximately £53k before depreciation.
- Strong sales growth and reduced card processing costs.
- Donations exceeded £7k via JustGiving and collections.
- Operating costs generally within expectations; exceptional seasonal expenses noted.
- Spicy energy payments up to date; additional rent outstanding.

Manager's Report

- Christmas period was extremely busy; staff commended for performance.
- 2026 music and events schedule published.
- Membership renewals continuing under rolling system; new membership cards expected imminently.

- Staff reminded to prompt members regarding renewals and digital membership uptake.
- Awaiting confirmation following recent CAMRA visit and potential recognition.

4. Ongoing Agenda Items & Updates

- Community strategy and Parish Council engagement ongoing.
- Access for All funding: progressed to next stage with Barnwood Trust; additional NHS partnership opportunities identified.
- Solar panels: Committee approved installation including battery storage (approx. £13,000), subject to insurance notification.
- Bank account access still being resolved; review of provider deferred.
- Website upgrade options being explored with alternative suppliers.

5. New Agenda Items

- Tennis and Bowls peppercorn rent to be waived as a one-off; Treasurer to process credit.
- InPost locker agreement pending clarification following Parish Council objection.
- Storage shed proposal discussed for seasonal equipment.
- Membership pricing proposal to be taken forward to AGM.

6. Action List

Action	Responsible
Verify historic Tennis rent allocation and update records	Hannah
Notify insurer regarding solar panel battery installation	Patrick
Resolve Barclays access, mandates and card issuance	Hannah / Gina
Continue exploring alternative website providers and costs	Charlotte
Issue correspondence and accounting entries for waived Bowls and Tennis rent	Treasurer

7. AOB

At Christmas, Patrick was presented with a hamper from the company that provided the solar power panels. Patrick passed the hamper to the Club to be used as a raffle prize to raise funds for the Access for All project.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 February 2026 at 7.00pm