



EDGWORTH BOWLING CLUB MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2026

1. Attendance / Apologies:

- 1.1. The meeting was attended by Kerry Holt (KH), Andrew Warman (AW), Kevin Breen (KB), Joan Turner (JT), Veronica Wilson (VW) and Brian Elwell (BE).
- 1.2. Apologies received from Andrew Spencer (AS).
- 1.3. Robert Downie (RD), although unable to attend, was co-opted onto the committee with his previous agreement.
- 1.4. Roles/responsibilities
 - 1.4.1. Chairman Kerry Holt
 - 1.4.2. Vice chairman Andrew Spencer
 - 1.4.3. Secretary Andy Warman
 - 1.4.4. Acting Treasurer Robert Downie
 - 1.4.5. Green/equipment manager Kevin Breen
 - 1.4.6. Safeguarding Nigel Dickenson
 - 1.4.7. Health and Safety Committee – Andy Tighe has written a policy which need to be circulated to the committee.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

- 2.1. AW gave a synopsis of the notes he had taken during the last committee meeting held on 19th January 2026. This was accepted by vote, and the salient points for action were discussed as follows:

3. Matters arising.

- 3.1. Green irrigation system: an annual inspection by a 'competent' person is an insurance requirement. An inspection was carried out in house by KB at the end of February 2026. AS to be asked to check the policy to ensure that an in-house inspection complies with the requirement.
- 3.2. Old non-functioning equipment: KB informed that there are a number of items of such equipment currently stored in the old ladies toilet, including a spreader which is no longer required, a fridge, leaf blower all of which are to be removed, to make space for equipment that is in use and currently kept in the overcrowded storage facility.

4. Green keeper's report

- 4.1. KB informed that there are issues with the maintenance and treatments being applied to the green, involving some personnel and differences of opinion as to what should be carried out, which feeds and treatments, and procedures. KB

agreed to put together his advice so that a manual can be produced with a series of instructions etc for the green keeping team to follow. This will include: -

- 4.1.1. General and regular maintenance, fertilisation, irrigation, drainage clearance and debris clearance.
- 4.1.2. Equipment review, including requirements for annual and periodic maintenance including lubrication and servicing. It was noted some repairs/maintenance are potentially overdue. KH suggested that he asks Peter Oakes if he would assist with some of the equipment maintenance work, and it was also noted that Russell Whitlock, (a local car mechanic) has carried out repairs free of charge in the past, on the basis that the club obtain necessary parts.

Post meeting note: AW has suggested that if Russell is to help us, he may need to be made an honorary club member in order for the clubs insurance to provide cover for him.

- 4.2. BE to assist KB with the production of the maintenance document, KB and BE agreed to meet on Friday 27th March 2026 at 10:00am to start the preparation of the document.

5. **Green keeping team.**

- 5.1. It was noted that Peter Russell has resigned from the green keeping team. KB reconsidered his own position and agreed to continue on the team, in a management role but cannot continue to carry out any of the manual work required. He will do this whilst continuing as a committee member

6. **Treasurer's report**

- 6.1. AW informed that RD had emailed his report (and other matters) to the committee which contained the following:
 - 6.1.1. Subscriptions received during the period from mid-February 2026 to 24th March 2026 – 16 members, (32 members had paid in the same period last year).
- 6.2. RD in his notes referred to the expiry of Ground Maintenance grant from Blackburn with Darwen.

BE responded by informing that he has been made aware that there will be a meeting on 2nd April 2026 with representatives of other clubs in the same position with the aim of presenting an argument (jointly) for its continuance beyond the current expiry dates. The contact that BE has is Margaret Cordon (Hoddleston) and whilst he has been invited to the meeting, further information is awaited

- 6.3. In his notes RD mentioned other points, eg posting minutes of the AGM, machine maintenance and green keeping team issues, all of which are dealt with elsewhere in these minutes.

7. **Collection of subscriptions.**

- 7.1. AW informed that members had been informed via the club web site that subs are due but will email members again, pointing out that subs have to be paid prior to a members first game for the club, as required by the BCGBA rules.

8. **Match Fees**

8.1. This matter had been agreed at the last meeting and members are to be advised as per item 7.1

9. **Timetable for competitions.**

9.1. AW informed that he had received a proposed timetable from Paul Booth who had been asked to organise the competitions. There are 12 club competitions including the annual picnic. The timetable is as follows:

9.1.1.	Sunday April 26 th	Swift Trophy
9.1.2.	Sunday May 10 th	Tony Ford Bowls drive
9.1.3.	Sunday May 24 th	PM Electric Trophy
9.1.4.	Sunday May 31 st	Doreen Williams Ladies Championship
9.1.5.	Saturday June 13 th	Tommy Woods Singles with Turton
9.1.6.	Sunday June 28 th	Harry Bromilow Singles Club Championship
9.1.7.	Saturday July 11 th	Mick Williams Pairs
9.1.8.	Sunday July 26 th	Club Picnic
9.1.9.	Saturday Aug 8 th	Brenda Heathcote
9.1.10.	Sunday Aug 23 rd	Sue Holt Men's singles championship
9.1.11.	Sunday Sept 6 th -	Innes Trophy
9.1.12.	Sunday Sept 20 th	Gordon Vose Pairs

9.2. There has also been a request from Barry Makinson to restart the Makinson Rose Bowl. Paul Booth has suggested that this be played on Sunday Aug16th or on Sunday Sept 6th to replace the Innes Trophy, but Paul will need to confirm that the dates are suitable with the Makinson family, so needs feedback from the committee.

9.3. AW to liaise with Paul Booth on this.

9.4. Paul has advised that he will need someone to run the Tony Ford Bowls drive and organise the Picnic for him. AW confirmed that he would be able to take that on.

9.5. AW will prepare a spread sheet for the competitions and display this in the club hut for members.

10. **Gardening Days.**

10.1. KH suggested that these be set at 6 weekly intervals with the first date being Saturday 28th March, from 11:00am onwards.

10.2. AW to notify members by email asking as many as possible to take part. The days to be renamed "Ground/Club tidy up day".

11. **Opening of Green date.**

11.1. Taking advice from KB, it was agreed that the green will be opened on the afternoon of Monday 30th March, weather permitting.

11.2. KB confirmed that it will be necessary to rope an area of the green off which has recently been repaired/treated.

12. **Barlow Trustee Member.**

12.1. It was agreed that BE will be the clubs appointee on the Barlow Committee of Management, in accordance with the Barlow's constitution. BE to contact the Barlow Trustees.

13. **Any Other Business**

13.1. Minutes of the AGM

13.1.1. BE asked for approval of the minutes he had prepared noting that only a couple of typos had been picked up on the draft. These will be amended accordingly and issued.

13.1.2. AW to arrange for the final AGM minutes to be posted on the members area on the club website.

13.1.3. AW read out a summary of the AGM minutes, and it was agreed that these be posted on the general area of the club website.

13.2. Water charges.

13.2.1. It was noted that a water bill has not yet been received from the Barlow. KB confirmed that he has read our meter, (which is a sub meter off the supply to the whole of the Institute facilities), on a regular basis and noted those readings into a book which has been passed on to RD.

13.3. Fees due

13.3.1. AW informed that the club has yet to pay county affiliation fees to Lancashire and to North Lancashire and Fylde, (due in May), as well as the fees due BCGBA. AW will arrange with RD to make payment.

13.3.2. All league fees have been paid as have the final fees for the MUGA.

13.4. Advertising boards.

13.4.1. It was confirmed that committee approval had been given to an increase of the charge that the club will make for the display of advertising boards around the green by 10% on the previous amount of £180:00 pa.

13.5. Score cards

13.5.1. We currently have sufficient, but AW is seeking quotes for new cards to be printed, and when these costs are known we can seek a sponsor to cover the cost.

14. **Next meeting**

14.1. The next meeting is to be held at 10:30 on 13th April 2026 at 18 Moorfield Edgworth.