



Wellesbourne Bowls Club Management Committee

4 September 2025

Attended

Andy, Carol, Chris, David V,
Denise, Malcolm, Marilyn, Pat,
Peter, Jon, Richard.

Notes/actions

1. Apologies – Anne, Geoff

2. Finance

Income and expenditure at 28/8/25:

Andy stated that a deficit at this stage was not unexpected, although the size of it was disappointing. It would have been worse had it not been for the income raised via the centenary matches. Some electricity costs had been paid up front due to the nature of the contract and the water bill was expected. The position was noted.

Centenary summary:

Andy reported that across the four matches income had exceeded costs by £1,987. The position was noted.

Projected outturn and year on year analysis:

Andy presented the projected outturn which was his best estimate of where we might be at the end of the financial year. He had also included for information a preliminary year on year analysis of income and expenditure to identify where we have gained or lost. The position/information were noted.

Provisional budget for 2025/26:

Andy explained that this contained a number of assumptions and proposals to ensure a balanced budget for next year. It assumed:

- A £10 increase in full membership fees (£5 for new members) and no change to junior and social fees.
- An increase in rink fees to £4, although we might to differentiate between KDL and Pickering.
- An increase in the hourly hall hire charge to £12 (from £11) + securing 10 more bookings.
- No increase in drinks prices.
- More internal club social events to generate income.
- £9k for the green maintenance contract or lower if some work could be reduced/omitted.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) Agreed to revisit and make decisions on the provisional budget and proposals for 26/27 at the next meeting.	Andy	8/10/25
b) Agreed to increase the hourly hall hire charge to £12 from 1/1/26.	Carol/Andy	1/1/26
c) Agreed to appoint Andie Derry as the auditor for the current and future years.	Andy	-

3. Green maintenance

Malcolm presented the outcomes of his meetings with Avonmore and Bicester Turf (BTC).

Avonmore was the least expensive of the two, having quoted £9,393 with the full top dressing and the upper cost for chemicals included. The BTC quote was £10,349 with the 6 tonne top dressing allowance included. BTC's costs are based on entering a 3 year contract. Avonmore was an annual commitment.

Having weighed up the costs and work proposed, it was Malcolm's recommendation that we retain Avonmore. This was seconded by Andy. Malcolm would also discuss with Avonmore the

suggestion that the level of top dressing could be reduced or not required, which would reduce the quote further.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) Agreed to retain Avonmore for green maintenance for the coming year.	Malcolm	-

4. Water usage and costs

Malcolm explained that he had now got a better understanding of how our water usage was recorded and calculated. Water Plus have asked for both readings (the main supply meter and the tank meter), which they will use to calculate the difference between supply and drainage. A discount would then be applied to next year's bills. We are already receiving a discount in the current year.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) None.	-	-

5. Centenary review

Peter presented his write-up of our successful centenary year and as he said at the meeting "we got through it well". There will be an opportunity to celebrate at the presentation evening.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) None.	-	-

6. Club and Women's Captain

Carol reported that two women's friendly matches has been held in the end. It was good that a number of ladies had taken part in the Wednesday evening matches, which would continue next year.

Pat felt that it had been a decent season in the leagues so far, with final placings still in the balance.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) None.	-	-

7. Fixtures

Marilyn explained that work had started on the fixtures for 2026 and that she would follow the same format as this year. The friendlies that we lost this year would be re-instated where possible.

Pat asked that, where possible, there be a mixture of home and away fixtures in any given week.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) None.	-	-

8. Competitions

Jon explained that the arrangements for the Club Finals had been completed and would take place on the coming Friday and Sunday.

19 members had entered the Whitehouse Trophy.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
b) None.	-	-

9. AOB

We had received a small grant from Warwickshire County Council for equipment for junior members. It was agreed to purchase a set or two of 00 size bowls (RT to action).

It was agreed that we should aim to run one social event a month during the closed season.

It was agreed that the AGM be held on 22/11/25.