

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Monday 9th March 2026 @ 6:30pm

Present: George Forsyth, Fiona Murray, John Murray, Suz Pirie, Liz Groat, Viv Humble, Mike Cruickshank, Raymond Warrender.

Apologies: Bruce Stewart, Cheryl North, Bob Waiter, Bill Allan, Allan McRitchie.

1. President Remarks

George thanked all members that turned up for the AGM. Moving from a Sunday to Friday looks very promising as forty-four members attended. He thanked Viv for taking on the Vice-President role, Raymond for taking on the Green Wardens role, Liz for taking on the ordering of kit and new committee member Mike Cruickshank.

Review and acceptance of minutes from February 2nd meeting.

Approved by Fiona Murray and seconded by Viv Humble.

Actions from Previous Meeting

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
Match	Cheryl, Fiona	Arrange meeting of all lady bowlers	April	In Progress
Coaching	Fiona	Arrange meeting of coaches and volunteers to design plan for 2026	March	In Progress
Dev Plan	Bruce	Paint Container	April	In Progress
Clothing	Lee	Transfer ordering to Liz	April	Closed
AOCB	Committee	Purchase of bench and plaque in remembrance of Nicky Littlejohn	April	In Progress
AOCB	Bruce, Doug, John	Update Honours boards	April	In Progress
AOCB	John	Contact Steven Cruickshank to fix security lighting	February	Closed
AOCB	Suz, Fiona	Investigate possibility of holding a quiz night	May	In Progress

2. Treasurer's Report

Balance as per statement 31 st January 2026	£25,275.51
Balance as per statement 28 th February 2026	£22,840.33
Cash not yet banked	£ 642.50
Total	£23,482.34

3. Bar Report

- No report.

4.Greens Report

- On Wednesday 11th March scarifying will occur carried out by greens team followed by a cut.
- Robbie Thompson will solid tine on Friday with 3 tonnes of top dressing applied.
- Approval was given for the Newmachar greenkeepers to manage the application of chemicals at an additional charge of £1000 on top of their current contract.
- Approval was provided to start Wednesday League at 1:30pm instead of previous years 2pm start.

5.Match Report

Bowls Scotland

David Cobban-Shaw, Bowls Scotland District Co-ordinator has confirmed that the finals of Bowls Scotland are due to take place on Sunday 7 June and Thursday 11 June at Harlaw BC.

Normally on the Sunday would be the Senior Mens Singles and Fours, Junior Singles and Mixed Pairs finals. On Thursday normally it would be Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. However, things can change as it will be dependent on who are in the finals. Teas would be required for both occasions. David Cobban-Shaw will be able to confirm numbers nearer the time.

The Mixed Pairs competition will commence on Monday 11 May (7.00pm) while the Seniors and Mens competitions will commence on Thursday 14 May (1.00pm and 7.00 pm).

Benachie Association

AGM took place on Sunday 8 March. Derek Mackie from Pitmedden is the new President.

All the draws and fixtures have been agreed and will be pinned up on the Noticeboard in due course. League games will start on Wednesday 6 May. Harlaw B will be at home to Oldmeldrum and Harlaw A will be away to Newmachar. Each Team will play 7 games over consecutive weeks finishing on 17 June. Harlaw B have 4 home games while Harlaw A have 3 home games. Teas etc will be required after each league game.

Forbes Hendry

AGM took place on Sunday 8 March. Robbie Cruickshank of Newmachar is the new President.

Harlaw men have been drawn to play Balgownie. Dates to be confirmed.

Final will take place on 2 August at Newmachar.

Crowmallie

AGM took place on Sunday 8 March. David Main from Balgownie is new President

Harlaw men have been drawn in the preliminary round to play Newhills. Match to be played by 7 June.

Final will take place at Balgownie on Sunday 30 August.

A&K

AGM took place on Tuesday 17 February. Graeme Penny from Stonehaven is the new President.

At the AGM it was confirmed that Harlaw will host the first A&K home game against Bon Accord on Saturday 30 May.

The trials for the A&K team will both take place at Harlaw on Thursday 30 April (6.45pm) and Saturday 2 May (12.30). No catering is required for this although possibly opening the bar may be a good thing if not already open.

The draws for the various competitions (Friday Triples, Top 5 and Top 10) did not take place at the AGM as Gordon Humble, Match Secretary and Secretary, was unable to attend. The draws will take place in due course and clubs will be advised.

Match Committee

The match committee will consist of Bruce Stewart, Fergus Muat, Liam Beattie, John Murray and George Forsyth. This is slightly larger than in previous years but having the larger committee will allow greater assistance with, and scrutiny, of the club competitions. We are going to have a busy year particularly in May and June and it was felt that having more involved will help the Match side of the club run more efficiently. John already helped with a lot of the paperwork and the competitions, particularly the day competitions eg Harlaw Pairs, Club Triples and Hugh Lumsden Pairs. Hopefully the larger committee will also allow greater support to be given to the Ladies Match Secretary as and when required.

I intend to set up a Match Committee meeting in the coming months to try and ensure we are ready for the season, particularly as the team stuff starts early May and given how busy our club is we will want the internal competitions to start as early as possible.

Craigie Ladies 2

AGM held 1 March 2026

President Audra Booth Kintore VP Cheryl North Harlaw

Secretary Karen Taylor Newhills

League: 1 section of 9 teams, play 8 teams once with 1 bye. Can't remember exactly how plays for finals day works but more later. 6:45 start for a few weeks then 7pm.

Format 4x4 15 ends

Entered all knockouts again Champion of Champions, Pairs, and Triples.

FINALS day 22 August

Bowls Scotland

Starts Thursday 28 May.

FINALS Saturday 13 June Oldmeldrum as it's their 100-yr anniversary.

Forbes Henry dates much the same with finals 2 August. Crowmallie Cup dates much the same start July and finals 30 August. All teams provide a raffle prize.

ADLBA Bon Accord mixed Triples Friday evening. Only 1 team entered as actually only had enough for 1 1/2 teams as many on our team had to play every week.

ADLBA ladies:

Entered Champion of Champions and dropped out of Scott Simpson Pairs and Triples as found out it's a weekly Monday league. But 2 charity knockouts are 3 bowls pairs and 2 bowls Triples available to us as is knockouts for top 10 singles, pairs, triples, and 4's. FINALS Day around end of August.

I will attend Reps meeting on 1 April.

A Ladies match committee will be formed.

6. Website Review and Contents

- Fiona explained the work she has carried out on the website and is looking for content throughout the year. Once the members area is finished, she will share this information with the committee to review and then once we receive the members applications they will be notified of the password to access the members area.

7. New Club Kit

- Disappointingly, we have been notified that the minimum order is 10 of a single item. Fiona will get this confirmed.

8. Club Development Programme

Development Plan

- Painting of the container needs to be overseen by Bill Allan

8. Events Calendar

- Discussion about holding a quiz night hosted by Neil McKay took place. Suz to see Neil.

- John agreed to hold a race night

9. Correspondence

- None.

10. AOCB

- Wednesday League will begin May 13th and end September 17th. New start time of 1:30pm.
- Need to send email about Wednesday League dates, raffle prize donations and ordering of kit.
- Build open calendar to plan holding an open at Harlaw.
- Stuart Bell of Bowls Scotland will be holding a forum at Harlaw on Saturday March 21st at 2pm. Fiona is attending and Viv said she would also go.
- The committee agreed to move forward with gaining the Gold Award. Fiona will move this forward, with the community engagement plan the key piece of work outstanding.
- Viv agreed to provide catering for Craigie Ladies matches. Fiona will see who can provide catering for Benachie matches.
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11. Actions Required

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Match	Cheryl, Fiona	Arrange meeting of all lady bowlers	April	
Coaching	Fiona	Arrange meeting of coaches and volunteers to design plan for 2026	March	
Dev Plan	Bill	Paint Container	April	
Dev Plan	Fiona	Attain Gold Award	July	
Website	Fiona	Complete Member Area	April	
Clothing	Fiona	Confirm minimum ordering quantities	April	
AOCB	Committee	Purchase of bench and plaque in remembrance of Nicky Littlejohn	April	
AOCB	Bruce, Doug, John	Update Honours boards	April	
AOCB	John	Build Bowls Open Calendar	May	
AOCB	Fiona	Seek names to provide Benachie catering	April	
AOCB	Suz	Investigate possibility of holding a quiz night	May	

Next Meeting Monday April 6th at 6:30pm