

St Michaels Pool Minehead
MINUTES
AGM Tuesday 11th February 2025

Attending

Benet Allen (Chair)
Nicola Hewlett (Treasurer)
Wendy Ellis (Secretary)
Ann Gilbert (Trustee)

Sue Bowmer, Cath Brown (MSL), Lyn Dean, Geoff Dibble, Chris Halasa

1. Apologies for Absence

Sarah Buterworth
Kim Clark
Hannah Short
Jo Walker-Blair

2. Approval of last AGM minutes

Minutes from 03/10/23 were approved and signed

3. Chair Report

Chair of Trustees: Benet Allen

I joined the Trustees in August 2024, and it's been a busy few months! The new name is an obvious change, with the benefit of explaining what we are (a pool) and where (Minehead). I'm happy to report that, since then, the Trustees have worked well together and we share sense of common purpose - a good team.

When I joined, I was alarmed to discover that the cost of heating the pool is £100 per day - day in, day out, 365 days a year. Something had to be done, urgently, to keep our finances afloat.

I've been working to reduce the cost of running the pool. Our contractor Damian Vittles at H2O installed a heat pump for us just before Christmas, and it is already helping to reduce our electricity bill - the benefits will be felt more when the weather warms up and the old heater can take a well-earned rest. At the time of writing, our January bill is down to May levels, and this will improve further - it may pay for the installation in its first year!

We can save more on our electric bill if we can change supplier - for example, Octopus Energy supplies my house with power for 7p per unit during the night. If we could get a rate like this, we could run the old heater at night and save a fortune (daytime units cost us 22p, so three times cheaper).

Doing this, and applying for grants, requires us to have an address of our own, and preferably a long lease on the land we occupy. The ultimate landlord is now the Church of England, and I have been trying to persuade this slow-moving organisation to renew our lease. Things are looking promising, but don't hold your breath!

Another way to balance the books is to increase our bookings - by allowing public access during the school day. Our plan to install a new pedestrian gate is coming to fruition - this saves the need for public swimmers to cross the school playground.

In January, we met with Gemma Jackson, a teacher at St Michael's School, who is looking to help with fundraising for us. She proposes to charge a small fee for after-school clubs, some of which are free and abused by parents, and the monies raised could help heat the pool. She says parents understand the expense of heating a swimming pool, and value the importance of teaching children to swim. Nic may be able to elaborate further, having attended this meeting.

As the year continues, my efforts will continue too - I hope you would like me to continue as your Chair of Trustees.

*Benet Allen
January 2025*

Benet added that the committee is working towards a new address (14 Hayman Road) to work along side the new lease.

He clarified that the new gate will only be in use during school hours and therefore offering as little disruption as possible to local residents. Day time booking are more popular and the new times will be added after the half term break. Benet also confirmed when asked that schools do now pay for pool usage.

Thanks were given to Nic Hewlett for all the work that has been put in with particular regard to fund raising.

4. Management Report

Management Report for Meeting 11.02.25

We have now moved completely away from the school and all funds raised will go directly to the pool.

During the past year, many members of the Community have raised us raise money to make improvements.

There has been a sponsored silence by a pupil from the school, sponsored swim by the pupils having lessons, a sponsored Aquafit, a Quiz night from Rotary and some big and small donations. We have also managed to get a grants from the Lions, Somerset Council and Ninesquare.

All this has enabled us to put in a Heat Pump for £10,000 which is already saving us money on our Electricity.

Ann, Wendy and Jo attended a training session run by H2O, so we can hopefully resolve some of the simpler issues ourselves. This cost £345.00, but will be worth it as callout is £150.00 a time.

We had a leak in the chlorine tank and there was an issue with the Foot filter these were replaced at a cost of £525.00.

A back gate has been fitted, so we will be looking at renting out the pool during the term time when the schools are not using the pool.

We need a new floor for the pool surround. This will cost £25,000 and this is the next project we need to do, so will be fundraising this year for this.

We have also purchased 6 new solar lights as the ones around the pool have become old.

We have just had the dehumidifiers serviced and this has helped with the air temperature in the pool.

One for the pumps has broken, the bearings have given up, we have had this replaced at the cost of £1000 +. The bill is still to come in.

As well as these costs, there is the general maintenance and consumables which all cost money, so we do need to keep fundraising.

We have 4 grant applications in at the moment, but all these take time

5. Treasurer Report

Finance Report for Meeting 11.02.25

The accounts balances are;-

Current Account: £477.03

Electricity Account: £5,000.00

Fundraising Account: £10147.75

PayPal: £4599.87

*Total: **£20224.65***

I have not yet received the bills for the Chlorine we have had delivered, the service for the dehumidifiers and the new Pump.

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*The accounts for the year 2023-24 have been scrutinised and signed off.
Below is a copy of the accounts.*

ST MICHAELS POOL MINEHEAD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Charity No: 1121725

	2023/24	2022/23	Notes
<i>Income</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
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<i>Sponsored Swim</i>	2715.50		
<i>Summer Fayre</i>		566.33	
<i>Disco</i>		324.51	
<i>GoFundMe Donations</i>	2259.15		
<i>Total Fundraising Income</i>	5956.76	890.84	
<i>Swimming Pool</i>			
<i>Bookings</i>	38020.36	35746.00	
<i>Donations</i>	43.71	40.00	
<i>Aquafit</i>	3309.05	3492.29	
<i>Aqua Zumba</i>	4325.00	1926.68	
<i>Swimming lessons</i>	9800.00		7
<i>Paypal</i>		1.05	6
<i>Total Swimming Pool Income</i>	55498.12	41206.02	

Other Income

<i>Sweets & Lollies</i>		42.00
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<i>Uniform</i>		5.00
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<i>Loan repayment</i>	357.89	
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<i>Cancelled Cheques 2019-2020</i>		334.94
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<i>Bank Interest</i>	188.75	58.20
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*Expenditure**Fundraising Costs*

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PTA Costs/Events

<i>Salvation Army Boxes</i>	50.00	
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<i>Class Xmas Parties</i>	75.00	
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<i>Movie Night</i>		66.98
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<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>		162.27
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<i>Summer Fayre</i>		217.92
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<i>Disco</i>		125.06
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<i>School Mural</i>		250.00
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<i>Staff Gifts</i>		100.00
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<i>Sweatshirts</i>		756.00
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<i>Theatre Coach</i>		825.00
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<i>Repayment of loan</i>	357.86	
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<i>Parent Kind</i>	<i>153.00</i>	<i>140.00</i>	
<i>Total PTA Costs/Events Expenditure</i>	<i>635.86</i>	<i>2643.23</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Swimming Pool</i>			
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>3611.42</i>	<i>1831.99</i>	
<i>Somerset Council - Testing</i>	<i>3702.27</i>		
<i>West Somerset - Electricity</i>	<i>31450.61</i>	<i>22029.67</i>	
<i>West Somerset - Water</i>	<i>822.34</i>	<i>789.13</i>	
<i>Consumables</i>	<i>2314.34</i>	<i>3337.95</i>	
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>318.27</i>		
<i>Cleaner</i>	<i>3603.00</i>	<i>2854.65</i>	
<i>Paypal Charges</i>	<i>648.90</i>	<i>373.83</i>	
<i>Wifi</i>	<i>179.25</i>	<i>1088.01</i>	
<i>Harry & Beki running the pool</i>	<i>1600.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Total Swimming Pool Expenditure</i>	<i>48250.40</i>	<i>32705.23</i>	
<i>Other Pool Expenditure</i>			
<i>Local Giving</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	
<i>Advertising</i>	<i>38.50</i>		
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>3595.55</i>	<i>3380.05</i>	
<i>Total Other Expenditure</i>	<i>3814.05</i>	<i>3560.05</i>	
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<i>52801.41</i>	<i>38908.51</i>	
<i>Total Profit/Loss</i>	<i>9200.11</i>	<i>3628.49</i>	
<i>Opening Bank Balance</i>			
<i>Nat West</i>	<i>7387.87</i>	<i>1850.13</i>	

<i>Paypal</i>	4757.68	2564.24
<i>Bonus Saver</i>	5416.21	9518.90
<i>Total Accounts</i>	17561.76	13933.27
<i>Closing Bank Account</i>		
<i>Nat West</i>	2553.65	7387.87
<i>Paypal</i>	5315.86	4757.68
<i>Nat West utilities</i>	9765.42	5416.21
<i>Bonus Saver</i>	9126.94	
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Ringfenced:

<i>Electricity due not Invoiced</i>	9753.94
<i>Available Funds</i>	17007.93

Notes

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f. The figures for paypal in the 2023-24 are now split out, but in previous years this was not the case.

g. The swimming lessons are also now split out, again this was not done in previous years.

We have also changed the name of the Charity to St Michaels Pool Minehead and this has now been changed on the Bank Accounts as well. This better reflects who we are and has taken the connection with the school off. This should help us with Grants going forward.

In the next year we need to raise the money for the new pool and continue to get the monies in to enable to keep improving the pool.

Mrs Carla Partridge is happy to be nominated to scrutinise the accounts next year.

This was agreed and flowers sent as thanks.

Nic stated that four grants were in the process of being applied for at present. Some donators only want to fund a whole project which makes getting the funding for a new floor difficult, but when the lease extension is complete funding may be granted for this. Defib grants are also being applied for. A free one is not possible as there has to be a minimum distance between available machines.

6. Accounts to be adopted

Agreed and adopted

7. Nomination of scrutiniser

It was agreed that Carla Partridge will scrutinise accounts next year.

8. Nomination of Officers / Trustees

All existing trustees were nominated and seconded. Sarah Butterworth has requested not to carry on with her responsibility for Social Media which leaves a vacancy.

9. Election of Officers / Trustees

All existing trustees were re-elected

10. A.O.B

None

11. Date of next AGM meeting

Wednesday 4th February 2026 7pm Kildare Lodge.

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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Signed:

Carla Partridge

Date:

03/02/2025

Name:

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