

CLEVEDON PILOT GIG CLUB
MINUTES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES MEETING
12th April 2026

1.	Present: Christopher Hastings (CH), Hilary Marshall (HM), Tim Wardrop (TW). Apologies from Mark Shopland and Neil Wilson.
2.	The Meeting was called to review and comment upon the Club's activities in the year since the last meeting prior to the previous annual report and accounts submission (September 2024), and to prepare the annual report for submission to the Charity Commission by 30th April 2026.
3.	<p>Review of activities since October 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trustees agreed to provide a review since the previous annual report and accounts submission in October 2024. • The Trustees expressed their appreciation to club members hard work maintaining progress and momentum of the club. • New oars have been acquired as requested by club members. It was noted that importing tariffs will impact future oar purchases with anticipated cost increases due to global markets. • The Diner Dance and awards evening on 1 February 2025 was a great event and was well attended. The Trustees expressed thanks to Christine for leading the event organisation. • The Roadford Races series were very well attended by the club, with good results and valuable experience, particularly for new rowers, novice coxes, and preparations for regattas and the Isles of Scillies World Pilot Gig Championships. • The Club achieved improved results at the Isles of Scilly World Pilot Championships 2025. Ladies A came 61st out of 126, making the podium and winning Group F in their final race. Ladies Supervets came 32nd out of 45. Mens Masters made it to the final coming 12th in the long race and 12th in the final out of 21. Mens Supervets finished 14th out of 26, which was a 4 place improvement. Mens A finished 82nd of 131 and Mens B finished 98th of 131. • The Clevedon Regatta on 11 October 2025 was very well attended by local clubs and a received high praise for being a well organised and well run event, despite some challenging River Severn conditions. • Several Learn-To-Row cohorts have taken place providing, encouraging and developing participation and the club has had many new club members join. The club has seen advancement in members abilities and there is great enthusiasm for rowing. • The club has had several new cox's signed-off and other future cox's are gaining experience. • The fundraising Spoof Night & Auction of Promises 21 November 2025 raised a fantastic £3300.
4.	<p>Membership</p> <p>Membership continues to be spread across a wide age spectrum and fairly evenly divided between male and female. There has been an encouraging increase in members in younger age groups, particularly in their 20's and 30's.</p> <p>New members have been well integrated into the club community and represented in Mens A and Ladies A crews.</p> <p>In common with the majority of Gig Rowing Clubs, there is a shortage of Junior Rowers. The club continues to engage this age group into the sport through continued interactions with Clevedon School including regular sessions with school rowers which have taken place prior to the school summer break. We will look to repeat this initiative when opportunity arises.</p> <p>As discussed with HMRC, Membership fees for 2025/2026 were reduced, whilst members were encouraged to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of our new gig shed, which would benefit from gift aid. Membership fees will continue to be reviewed, with the ambition for future lower fees as a result of the permanent base (the gig shed). This in line with the charitable objectives of the club which are to promote community participation in</p>

	healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for sea rowing, in particular Cornish pilot gigs, for the benefit of the public.
5.	Committee/Volunteers Trustees expressed their appreciation for the committee and volunteers. In previous years individual volunteer co-ordinators were agreed for regattas, since October 2024 for some regattas pairs of volunteers have been co-ordinating regattas and this approach has been very positive and encouraging new co-ordinators. This buddying up is expected to continue going forward and is hoped this will further encourage more volunteers.
6.	Finance The audited Accounts for the full year to June 2025 show a credit balance of £23,471.80. There was good support from club members for fundraising events that generated a good boost to the club's income.
7.	Community The boathouse for gig and equipment storage ('gig shed') has planning permission and the 35-year lease for the land was signed in March 2026 by HM and TW as trustees of the club and is now awaiting signature by North Somerset Council. Work is intended to start in the coming months. HM attended the St Nicolas Chantry Primary School Summer Fayre 2025 with an oar and rowing machine to engage the community. This provided great interest in rowing and is hoped to be repeated at future events.
8.	Review 5-year plan Permanent Base. As outlined above (7), progress has been made with planning permission granted and land lease signed by trustees HM and TW. Permanent Usable Slipway. World Championship Rankings. The Club made a great improvement on its performance at the World Pilot Gig Club Championships. School Links / Junior Rowers. See comments in (4), continued engagement with Clevedon School. Regular Social Rowing. Regular weekday events have been well supported, including early bird rows, rowing in the Avon Gorge has been enjoyed and there has been an increase in rowing in the river.
9.	Club Trustees Approaching three years in the role, Carolyn Watson stepped down as trustees at the Club AGM on 6 October 2025. Thanks is extended to Carolyn for the work she has carried out in this role. Tim Wardrop (TW) was elected as trustee at the Club AGM on 6 October 2025. Two trustees, Christopher Hastings and Neil Wilson, are approaching the end of their three-year term and applications for replacements will be sought for election at the next Club AGM.
10.	The Trustees are in full agreement that Clevedon Pilot Gig Club remains fully committed to the aims and requirements of its Charitable status.
11.	The Trustees agreed the next meeting will take place in 2026 at a time to be arranged prior to the deadline for submission. Before AGM after the next accounts. I will check trusteeship timelines.

Hilary Marshall

Trustee

Clevedon Pilot Gig Club

12 April 2026

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Income & Expenditure Account for period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

Income (£)		Expenditure (£)	
Balance at bank b/f	1280.29		
Balance Savings A/C	21,271.88		
Membership Subscriptions	11342.50	Rents	3528.70
Diner/Dance receipts	1150.00	Insurances	1817.50
Regatta Receipts	3631.54	CPGA Regular Fees	1165.03
Interest on Savings Acct	466.00	Regatta Expenses	2776.00
HMRC credit	660.75	Member refunds	300.00
Clothing Receipts	1178.00	Miscellaneous	310.00
Oar sales	300.00	Maintenance	1584.93
		Dinner/Dance expenses	1039.00
		Club kit Purchases	1330.5
		New Oars	3957.50
		Bank Balance c/f	1363.92
		Savings Account c/f	22107.88
TOTALS	41,280.96		41,280.96

Notes

1. The Clubs assets as at 30th June 2025 are 5 gigs (Watch and Pray, Blackbird, Churngold, Finzel and Ladye Bay) together with a flash boat. The club also has 9 sets of Oars and 3 main Trailers. .
2. The club has an interest free loan with Churngold Construction Ltd for the Metal Container provided at Clevedon School. The club owes £2,000 as at 30.6.25 and will repay later in 2025.


Signed M A Brown
Club Treasurer


Signed Mrs D Giddens MAAT
Independent Examiner