

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Matters Arising

Reports from:-

6. Vets Secretary
7. Secretary / Assistant
8. Chairman & Treasurer
9. Tai Chi Organiser
10. Election / Re-election of Trustees
11. Any Other Competent Business

The Meeting was held at McErlane Square on Thursday 16th October at 19:00.

## 1. Welcome

Mr Eric Noble (EN), President, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and thanking them for coming.

## 2. Roll Call

Those present were:

Mr. E. Noble ( <b>EN</b> ) - President	Mr J. Sutherland ( <b>JS</b> ) - Secretary	
Mr G. Dunkley ( <b>GD</b> ) - Chairman	Mrs M. Morton - Trustee	
Mrs S. Williamson - Trustee	Mr D. Robinson	Mr J. Fish
Mr. A. McClelland ( <b>AMc</b> )	Mr R. Morris	Mr D. Blanchard
Mrs J. Hutchinson	Mr B. Warden	Mr O. Osbourne
Miss A. McMeiken	Mrs V. Davidson	Mr K. Osbourne
Mr D. McCaffery ( <b>DMc</b> )	Mr W. Liddle	Mrs M. Dunkley
Mr T. Storey ( <b>TS</b> )	Mrs S. Rush ( <b>SR</b> )	Mrs A. Routh
Mr R. Routh		

## 3. Apologies

Mr J. Liddle	Mrs A. Harrison	Mrs C. Evans	Mrs A Urwin
Mrs J. Dowie	Mr J. Hillary	Mr P. Jackson	Mr T. Westrop
Mr S. Walker	Mr N. Fletcher	Mr J. Futers	

## 4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting had been posted in the clubhouse from November 2024 and can be found on the website [www.pelawcbc.com](http://www.pelawcbc.com).

## 5. Matters Arising

Mr Dunkley (**GD**) asked if there were any comments regarding the previous minutes.

As there were no other issues raised **GD** proposed that the minutes were accepted as read. Mr Warden seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

## 6. Vets Report

Mr J. Sutherland (**JS**) gave the report with Mr D. McCaffery (**DMc**), Veteran's Secretary,

**JS** reported that the Tuesday league annual meeting had been held Pelaw Community Bowling Club one Tuesday 14th October. There were two changes which were proposed and accepted:

1. The Mat will be placed at 2m for the first end and then cannot be taken further than 4m for subsequent ends.
2. A club was permitted to have a player 'off the bank' if they were short, but would be docked 5 points for each player on the rink on which they played.

He then discussed the Thursday League. The annual meeting for this has not taken place yet, however it must be noted that this league has sufficient teams for the league games to continue until the end of August, something the other leagues do not.

## 7. Secretary's Report

JS began by informing those present that there were no plans to increase the membership in 2026. This fee has remained stable since pre-Covid.

JS proposed a motion that, as every member had received a free club shirt and jacket in 2025, they should be worn during league matches. He suggested that if a member did not want to wear his/her shirt then they should not play on the team.

GD seconded the motion and by a show of hand it was agreed unanimously.

JS read out a letter of resignation:

*I have attempted to do this for the last few years but I am determined to carry it out this year. It has been an honour to serve on the committee for Pelaw Community Bowling Club for over thirty years (believe it or not I had brown wavy hair). The biggest change to Pelaw Bowling Club was a few years ago when Gateshead Council decided to withdraw care and the cutting of our green. This, of course, left us to make a major decision - do we close or do we take on the responsibility of taking over the running of the club. At that time we had £111 in the bank.*

*Moving forward, Pelaw Community Bowling Club (notice, change of name) was voted best!!!! due to the Trustees, and a gentleman called Stephen Ward who, without his support the club would have folded.*

*Now we are financially viable, and are classed as a great venue for the community (Yoga, Tai Chi, Warm Space, Education area for local primary schools to name but a few).*

*Now I would like to thank a few people who have made my job easier. A green, which is the envy of other clubs, thanks to Bob Brook, a man who works tirelessly on the green and surrounds with very little help from members of the club, virtually every day of the week.*

*I cannot go on without thanking Geoff Dunkley, or Captain Geoff to his friends, for an unbelievable effort to raise money by applying for grants which have improved the pavilion (heating, lighting, electric shutters, CCTV), the green, equipment, fertiliser, seeds etc. Around the green, work is being done and is hand to replace boards around the green and we have a Welcome Seat (who hasn't had their photo taken by Geoff) who litter picks in the park area? We are all responsible for the toilets and kitchen, but who helps Geoff?*

*Our President Eric Noble, Trustee, purchaser of trophies, medals and plaques, Tai Chi coordinator, tea maker extraordinaire and story teller to all who will listen (the tale of the visually impaired bowlers will go down in folk lore history of the club)*

*Mrs Sandra Williamson, Trustee, Club Catering Manageress, organiser of raffles and tombola and so many other things the list could go on and on.*

*Alan McClelland and Norman Fletcher, our odd job men, drain clearance, electric shutter freer, wheelchair and mower access makers etc.*

*To the Trustees who have attended meetings on many Thursdays, many Thursdays.*

*Special mention to my two bowling teammates John Liddle and Rob Morris who have 'carried me' to glory on many occasions and have stepped up to the mark over the years organising rotas and running teams when I have been unable to.*

*Is that 'it' I can hear you say, sorry but I have kept the best till last. That of course is you!! It is a pleasure to see you all here and at the green, fun and laughter before and after the games. Have you noticed how visiting teams wonder how a team, close to the bottom of the league, can be so happy!! Long may it continue.*

*So this is it, I wish to hand in my resignation as Secretary of Pelaw Community Bowling Club.*

*Signed John Sutherland. 16th October 2025. Pelaw*

**GD** thanked Mr Sutherland for everything he had done and then asked the membership to consider being nominated for the position of Secretary.

Mr Rob Storey (**RS**) and Mrs Susan Rush (**SR**) said that they would be prepared to work together to carry out the duties of the Secretary.

By a show of hands they were unanimously elected.

## 8. Chairman & Treasurer's Report

**GD** informed the meeting that Mr Brook had decided to step down from his green maintenance duties from September. On behalf of the club **GD** went on record to thank Mr Brook for the help he has given for the past 6 years on and around the green. Mr Brook has said that he would continue to look after the site other than the green. The club has approached a qualified greenkeeper who has agreed to cut the green three times per week from March until the end of August for a fee of £50 per week. He will start in March 2026.

He thanked all those who had volunteered throughout the year to help with the numerous activities that have been on offer for the local community. Without this valuable help we could not achieve any of it.

The shutter code had been changed at the end of the season and **GD** advised those present the new number. Given the difficulty experienced in changing the number it was said that we would not be changing again for some considerable time.

**GD** gave a breakdown of the funding status and mentioned that we had received a total of £13985 during the period of the club's financial year. This had funded the 'Warm and Welcome Space', Schools coaching, Wednesday Early On-set Dementia activity, summer events for the local children and their families, the Baltic Carpet B owls event, Felling Brass band and the Picnic on the Green, and Edbert House's Annual Team Building afternoon.

Included we had received £1200 from Barbour International to purchase as special wheelchair to allow those with a disability to play and a further sum to purchase new lockers and spray equipment for the green.

He stated that the insurance, which is due shortly will be in the region of £750, the lawnmower maintenance about £350 and that £4000 had just been spent on the end of season annual maintenance program.

A bid has been submitted for a feasibility survey, necessary to upgrade the building, the National Lottery for various necessary items including some running costs and that we had entered a competition with our insurers which has a first prize of £10000, although there was no expectation.

We had applied for a free bike shed, which is to be delivered within the next ten weeks. **GD** asked that Norman Fletcher and Alan McClelland would install it when received.

Tai Chi was a staple item which would not happen without Mr Eric Noble Turing up every Friday to run this event. **GD** thanked Mr Noble for this.

For the past three years we have run a 'warm and welcome space' every Friday afternoon, which is now attended by a regular group of about 12 people. Gateshead Council provided funding for this until March 2025, however this activity will continue as a staple item.

In 2024 for the fourth consecutive year we coached the children from St Albans and Bill Quay, and hosted monthly sessions for the elderly and inform. We will be doing the same in 2026.

In 2026 we will host the two Open Competitions; the Pride Tournament and another 'Picnic in the Park with Felling Brass Band', which will take place in August.

**GD** finished by mentioning that we had been asked to host an event by the Mayor when she leaves office in 2026. He asked that the membership put the date in their diary, namely Sunday 26th April, and come and help with the running of this event.

## 9. Tai Chi Organiser

**EN** said that income from Tai Chi had fallen this year. This was due to the Tai Chi instructor being absent from 16 sessions to date.

**EN** said that we had a core of regular attendees but that if our own membership took part, and encouraged their friends, it would have a very positive impact on the finances.

## 10. Election of Trustees

As stated, Mr J. Sutherland has stepped down as Secretary and Mr Rob Morris as Competition Secretary and Trustee.

Mr Rob Storey and Mrs Susan Rush have been elected to the joint position of Secretary and Mr Rob Storey as a Trustee.

## 11. Any Other Competent Business

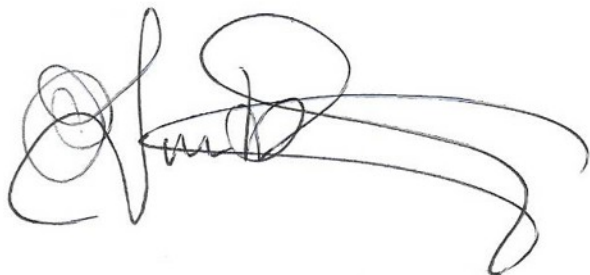
The internal competitions had proven more of a problem this year than previously experienced. Too many people had not played their games resulting in insufficient time to complete the next rounds and members then dropping out. A member should only enter a competition if they intend to play within the very generous allotted timeframe.

Mr McClelland (**AMc**) said that if they did not play on time they should then forfeit the game. **GD** stated that it was the responsibility of the person named first to arrange the game. Stephen Osbourne suggested playing a large number of fixtures on one Saturday, but it was agreed that the was not a practical solution.

Members will be reminded at the Spring Meeting and advised that if they do enter and fail to play on time, then they will be scratched from the competition.

Mrs Sandra Williamson (**SW**) proposed a new competition to take place on one Saturday afternoon. It would be a fun event between the lady and gentlemen

members of the club. By general consensus it was agreed to host this  
new

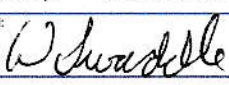
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G.R. Dunkley', written in a cursive style.

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G.R. Dunkley  
Chairman  
16th October 2025



**Pelaw Community Bowling Club - Annual Accounts 2025**

Receipts			Payments		
Membership	£1860.00		<b>Annual Payments:</b>		
Gift Aid	£255.00		Water	£272.00	
Advertising	£460.00	<b>£2575.00</b>	Electric	£1323.14	
			Virgin Internet	£200.10	
Grants & Sponsorship	£16789.32	<b>£16789.32</b>	Web Site Annual Fee		
			iCloud Account	£11.88	
<b>Other:</b>			Insurance / Public Liability	£0.00	
Facility Hire	£740.00		Annual Accounts	£315.00	
Donations			CCTV Annual Contract	£288.00	
Tai Chi	£802.00		Fire Extinguisher Annual Service	£175.80	<b>£2585.92</b>
Sale of Equipment	£50.00		<b>Other:</b>		
Events	£4310.04		Building / Equipment Maintenance	£7038.00	
Lottery Bonus Ball	£540.00		Events	£1709.42	
Cash Deposits / Account Adjustment	£2578.42		Equipment Purchase	£6320.00	
Learn Lane (Agrovista Fertiliser)	£913.20	<b>£9933.66</b>	Marketing/Printing/Trophies	£797.05	
			League Fees	£105.00	
			Stores	£117.57	
			Gardening Supplies	£153.02	
			Project Costs	£3500.00	<b>£19740.06</b>
			<b>Green Maintenance:</b>		
			Agrovista	£5750.40	
			Equipment Maintenance / Petrol	£360.00	
			Gardening Maintenance	£250.00	<b>£6360.40</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£29297.98</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£28686.38</b>
Summary Balance B/Fwd 2nd Nov 2024	£20394.74		Prepared by: Mrs M. Morton (Treasurer)		
Receipts for Period:		£29297.98	Signed:		30th December 2025
Payments for Period:		£28686.38			
Balance at Bank 2nd November 2025:	£21006.34		Records independently reviewed and found to be correct.		
			Audited by: William Swaddle (Chartered Accountant) Prontax Ltd.		
			Signed: 		30th December 2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

PELAW COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

On accounts for the year  
ended

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1184222

Set out on pages

One

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 02/11/2025

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*W Swaddle*

Date:

30<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Name:

William Swaddle

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

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