



Wells City Archers Minutes

Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 6:30 pm
Wells City Archers Club House

Present	Sue Matthews	Chair
	Lynne Evans	President
	Pam Rowse	Secretary / Publicity
	Paul Grinham	Treasurer
	Sheila Pickthorne	Membership
	Mike Philliskirk	Head Coach
	Steve Bassett	Digital Media Officer
	Matt Rowse	Records
	Jane Clulow	Social
	Ken Hill	Building
	Andy Martin	Competitions
	John Baker	Young Archers
	Mandy Thorpe	Housekeeping
	Matt Dunn	Welfare

1	Apologies for absence	
	Jay Nickholds Also not in Attendance: Paul Hughes	
2	Roof Presentation from Dave Mace	
	<p>Dave Mace, a club member and retired chartered surveyor with many years in the construction industry kindly put together a presentation (supplied) to explain the club's options for the roof.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our options are fairly limited We need to ascertain whether the building frame is suitable for a new roof in the first place, or if we first need to consider upgrading or even replacing the building Any work that takes place will have significant impact on the other tenants of the sports club for at least 3 months <p>After the presentation the committee discussed first steps and it was agreed that at least 3 quotes would be sought from Structural Engineers to assess the building before we can make any further plans.</p> <p>At the same time it was agreed that everyone would keep a look out for any other possible sites that we could consider moving to. LE pointed out that this has been done in the past and, to the best of her knowledge, there is nowhere suitable within the city boundaries.</p> <p>MR raised the question as to whether we might be willing to sacrifice either our indoor or outdoor facilities if a superior site for only one of them became available. It was agreed this would be considered if this became a reality.</p>	KH to organise

3	Minutes of the last meeting							
	Approved.							
4	Matters arising							
	3.5.2 Hot water in toilet – this is now installed and working. Thanks to Ken, Mike and Dave.							
	3.13.1 The mower battery is on charge in the clubhouse							
	3.13.1 The strimmer has been purchased and already put into use.							
	6.2 JB and MD are continuing work on the parental consent procedure							
	8.2 Peter Brookes is visiting the Young Archers on 17 th Jan. Senior Archers have been invited to attend this session but this may be quite short notice so we will invite him to visit again later in the year	PR to organise						
	Standing Items							
5	Finances							
5.1	<p>Report from Treasurer: Balances as of 7-1-26</p> <table> <tr> <td>Current Account:</td> <td>£ 6,938.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit</td> <td>£ 26,859.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£ 33,798.20</td> </tr> </table> <p>Key items since November 19th Further income of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £419 from beginners' courses • £750 from 3 new members back in November and 2 renewals since then • £200 from range hire <p>Noteworthy expenditures :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strimmer and visor - £293 2. Water heater and plumbing / electric bits - £120 <p>Electricity usage Latest monthly bill to Jan 1st was £612. Usage was 50.4 kWh per day compared with 37.6 / day last December. One third higher with the heavy usage months of January and February yet to come. Budget estimate for year may be too low. (The one action that arose was Mike P would talk to Indigo archery to see what space heaters they use, with a view to seeing if there is a more efficient way of getting heat on the range)</p>	Current Account:	£ 6,938.43	Deposit	£ 26,859.77	Total	£ 33,798.20	
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6	Building							
6.1	Nothing to report The asbestos checks are up to date. The fire regulation checks are up to date.							
7	Safeguarding							
7.1	No issues to report							
8	Wells Sports club							
8.1	A Sports club meeting took place the night before our meeting. Lease: The current proposal is Football Club become a Limited Company.							

	This will allow them to sub lease their space from the council and will give them autonomy over fund raising. It was explained that this will have no impact on the other sports at the club. It was intimated that this proposal is likely to be agreed to, after which things should move faster towards the new lease.	
8.2	The Secretary of WSC is going to make reports to all relevant authorities regarding the burning of noxious substances in the garden of one of the properties adjacent to the club fields.	
8.3	The large Truespeed sign will remain in place for the time being and Truespeed have provided free Wifi to the club in recompense. It was noted that this wifi does not work in our clubhouse.	
8.4	Quotes are being sought to resurface the carpark	
8.5	A WSC Calendar has been created and shared amongst the tenants for the purposes of listing major events in the hopes of avoiding future clashes which have historically resulted in major parking issues among other things.	PG to share the read and admin links with PR
8.6	LE reminded us that she will not be standing as Trustee for the new lease when it is signed and provided an outline of the duties involved for anyone considering taking on the role.	
9	SCAA and GWAS	
9.1	It was noted that GWAS have recently announced that they are looking for a new Treasurer.	
	Additional Items	
10	Membership	
10.1	Membership: 100	
10.2	The most recent set of Beginners Course attendees have not yet been sent their follow up emails as they finished directly before Christmas and the emails would likely be overlooked. The emails will go out this week. Two of the attendees have already been in touch to say they intend to join but later in the year due to health issues.	PR to send follow up emails
10.3	SP and SM suggested offering a one off 6 month membership available only to new archers who have just completed the beginners course with us, on the basis that the full year's membership when you are new the sport and the club is a big financial commitment and may be off putting. It was noted they would still have to pay a full year's AGB fees. This was agreed to.	SP and PR to implement
10.4	SM noted that both the February and March Beginners Courses are fully booked.	
11	Boss Maintenance	
11.1	The Bosses are currently being repaired on an ad hoc basis.	
12	Corporate ID	
12.1	There has been no progress on this as Christmas got in the way!	
13	Hall of Fame	
13.1	PG had prepared some discussion points on how to move forward after no expansion of the main categories had been put forward by the club members. It quickly became apparent that defining criteria and then inviting nominations was going to prove overly complicated.	

	<p>During discussion it became clear that we would actually like to achieve two different things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Something detailing the history of the club and celebrating outstanding and exceptional achievements 2. Something showcasing recent events that is regularly updated <p>Both items to be on display somewhere in the clubhouse for both members and visitors to see.</p> <p>It was decided this was the better way to move forward with this, as it is much simpler, but achieves the goal of celebrating the club and its members.</p>	
13.1	<p>History: this will detail a brief history of the club, and the exceptional achievements (eg achieving Master Bowman, County wins, Olympic selections etc), both historic and of current club members</p>	LE and PG to liaise
13.2	<p>Current News: This will show case events, competitions and wins up to a year old, and will be updated regularly as annual events reoccur / new news happens. There will also be a focus on the social aspect of the club to ensure inclusivity for those wanting to shoot for fun rather than competition.</p>	PR to gather from past newsletters
14	Vending Machine	
14.1	<p>MT had expressed concern that the Vending Machine was not earning enough money to pay for itself. PG confirmed that it IS making a profit, albeit a small one. To date, no food has had to be disposed of for being out of date.</p>	
15	2026 Plan	
15.1	<p>SM would like to start working on a plan for the year ahead. To start this she has asked that all committee members complete a small questionnaire (supplied) to state what they think their roles are and what (if anything) more they would like to do. A completion deadline of 21st January (2 weeks) was agreed.</p>	PR to send soft copies to committee
15	Calendar / External Competitions	
15.1	<p>After committee members pointed out they were not aware of the club calendar, PR explained there is now a QR poster on the club noticeboard that links directly to the calendar, and that she has already made it more obvious in the newsletters</p>	
15.2	<p>AB has been working to gather a list of external competitions and was considering the best way to publish this list to the club. The key ones will be identified and included in the club newsletters</p>	PR to assist with club calendar
15.3	<p>MT asked when the best time was to apply to enter some competitions as many summer ones already seem to be fully booked. LE said that previously, the week immediately after Christmas would be spent filling in forms and sending them off. Online application has changed this.</p>	
15.4	<p>Links with other nearby clubs for friendlies and also access to practice at longer distances than we cannot offer are to be worked on.</p>	AB
17	AOB	
17.1	<p>PR asked for date preferences for the return visit from Peter Brookes for Competition Training, and explained that he had indicated his diary was currently very flexible. It was agreed that a Thursday evening (Next Steps</p>	PR to organise with Peter Brookes

	Session) in June would be preferable.	
18	Date of Next Meeting	
	Weds 25 th February, 6.30pm	
	General Meeting: Monday 20 th April, 7pm	
	Meeting ended at 20:10	