

ETTRICK FOREST SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Minute of AGM

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

12th May 2025

Present: John & Debbie Adams, David Lunn, Barbara Harrison, Dave Nichol, Andrew McKerracher, Mark Tuckwood, Colin Robson, Kath Hewson, Fiona Hewson, Rob Atherton, Steve Durkin

1. Apologies

Alex Buchanan, Linda Jackson, Nigel Bennett, Damian Furlong, Douglas Walker

2. Welcome

Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Previous Minutes

No comments.

Proposed: Colin Robson

Seconded: Kath Hewson

4. Chair's Report

The Brigend week in August 2024 was another resounding success. The community enjoyed a vibrant lineup of activities, including the popular Curry Night, Pub Quiz, and posh teas, alongside Petanque, Croquet, and a lively Ceilidh.

Following the successful acquisition of funding from Foundation Scotland / Langhope Rig Wind Farm a new Pétanque piste was installed in August. This new addition was celebrated with a well-attended opening event.

The committee is currently focused on recruiting younger members to assist with our well-attended events, particularly those geared toward children. Despite active outreach to local schools and parents, finding new volunteers remains a challenge.

David Lunn has announced he is stepping down as Chair. He expressed his gratitude to the board of trustees and members for their support. Special thanks go to:

- John Adams and Dave Nichol: For their consistent work on grass cutting.
- Committee Officers: Mark Tuckwood (Treasurer), Andrew McKerracher (Secretary) and Barbara Harrison (Membership Secretary).
- Volunteers: All Trustees and members who helped run Brigend Week events and who participated in our annual clean-up day.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mark Tuckwood explained that the process of changing main bank accounts had been convoluted but was nearing completion. The Liquidity Management Account has still to be transferred from old to new setup, but when complete will bear 5-6% interest with 95 day notice period.

Key highlights from the Accounts:

- Membership continues to be important source of income
- Brigend Week contributed £716 to income
- Total income was £13,331
- Total expenditure was £10,268
- Insurance costs will be covered by Foundation Scotland for another year
- Closing balance of £15,956, with £10,160 in Sinking Fund

Agreed to add further £1800 to Liquidity Manager Account (to increase Sinking Fund to ~£12K); and move further £1500 into Reserve Account.

Agreed to leave SBC field hire unchanged.

Accounts were duly approved by the Trustees and Andrew McKerracher will upload to OSCR.

It was agreed that membership fees for 2025/2026 will remain unchanged as follows:

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| a. Adult (16yr+) | £10 |
| b. Secondary School Pupil | £5 |
| c. Primary School/U5 | £0 |
| d. Concessions | £5 |

6. Election of Officers for the Year ahead

As previously noted, David Lunn resigned as Chair and Mark Tuckwood resigned as Treasurer.

Mark Tuckwood offered to take on role of Chair. Unanimously approved.

Steve Durkin offered to become a Trustee and take of role of Treasurer. Unanimously approved and Mark Tuckwood to arrange induction/handover.

Barbara Harrison offered to continue as Membership Secretary. Unanimously approved.

Andrew McKerracher agreed to remain Secretary. Unanimously approved.

Kath Hewson informed meeting that she was resigning from Trustee role. The Meeting thanked her for her support

John & Debbie Adams, Barbara Harrison, Linda Jackson, Dave Nichol, Andrew McKerracher, Mark Tuckwood, Nigel Bennett, Colin Robson, Damian Furlong, David Lunn, Fiona Hewson and Rob Atherton agreed to remain as Trustees for the coming year.

The complete list of Trustees for 2026/2027 is,

John Adams	Barbara Harrison	Linda Jackson	Dave Nichol
Andrew McKerracher	Mark Tuckwood	Nigel Bennett	Colin Robson
Damian Furlong	David Lunn	Rob Atherton	Steve Durkin
Fiona Hewson	Debbie Adams		

7. A.O.C.B

Rob Atherton asked if the playpark was SBC responsibility? This was confirmed. There was then a general discussion on what was on offer in the playpark and the field in general versus the potentially diverse user group(s), and what might be done to make it more attractive to more users. Rob Atherton agreed to create some proposals for review at a future EFSRC meeting. Barbara Harrison offered to support Rob Atherton on the potential funding aspects of any agreed proposals.

Date of next meeting for Brigend Weekend – Wednesday 8th July at 8:30pm in Cross Keys.

8. Vote of Thanks

Mark Tuckwood thanked everyone for attending.