

MINUTES

Buxton Tennis Club Committee Meeting - Wednesday 18th February 2026

- 1 Apologies: Allan Ramsay, Carol Bassett, Tracey Ellis, and Sally Gould
Present: Carol Taylor, Dan Osborne, Harriet Grubb, Lesley Montgomery-White and Sue Turnbull.
Sue agreed to take the minutes in Allan's absence.
- 2 Approval of previous minutes – Approved
- 3 Matters arising (not covered by meeting agenda):
Action points from previous meeting:
Information sent out about court repainting being finished – Done
New gate code – Done
New social playing session set up for Thursday mornings – Done
Encouraging new members from the cricket club to join – Done
Consider whether the £2 match fee is enough to cover the cost of new tennis balls bought for matches. It is. - Done
DBS check to be done by Lesley M-W to volunteer with juniors as needed - ongoing
Strimming of large weeds by visitor gate, and pot planting – Done
 - Ideas for socials with some using the clubhouse **(TE)** – outstanding
 - Club maintenance To Do List **(LMW and CT)** – outstanding
 - Set up a long term strategic financial plan to decide how much money to set aside for future projects – Ongoing **(DO and CT)**
- 4 Key areas brief updates:
 - a. Chair update (CT) - Carol attended the main BCBLT committee meeting. The main points for the tennis club include: The management charge for us has gone up by £500 this year. The cricket club has decided not to extend the current building but to build an additional structure instead. There was discussion as to whether the management charge levied on the different clubs could be adjusted to reflect the different membership numbers and use of the facilities. An electrician will be contracted to look at the electricity costs and see if they can be sub divided as to use.
 - b. Membership update (ST). Membership is showing a steady increase. We now have 127 adult members, compared with 103 the year before, and 68 juniors compared with 47 the year before.
 - c. Treasurer update (DO). Dan will be standing down as Treasurer after 14 years. The committee thanked him for all he has done and confirmed a replacement will be sought at the AGM. Dan produced draft accounts showing that income has increased and the court resurfacing has all been paid. He has some match fees he is awaiting from Jordan. Dan has been speaking with Richard Blyth about how to deal with the reserves and making financial provision for future projects. This will be something for the new Treasurer to take up.
 - d. Safeguarding (HG). Harriet has completed the "Safeguarding and Protection in Tennis" online training, and been in communication with the coaches, Pete and Ryan. All is going well.
 - e. Teams (CT). Jordan Grocott, the captain of the winning men's team in the first division, has an injury which means he cannot take the team forward and nobody else wants to take over as captain. Talks have been had with the Sheffield and District League, and it has been agreed that a new men's team can be entered in the main summer league called "Buxton New", but that they will have to start in the bottom division and work their way up. This new team will be the one headed by Chris Grubb, and his team will move from the Late Summer competition to the

main Summer one. We will also have 2 ladies teams in the main Summer league for the first time – one in Div 3 and a new team headed by Lesley M-W starting in Div 6.

- f. Club sessions and coaching (CT). All 3 club sessions are going well and are well supported. Really good feedback on the coaching provided by Pete and the new coach Ryan.
- g. Club affiliations (AR). No report as Allan is away.

5 AGM preparation

- a. Proposed membership fees for 2026-2027. After discussion it was decided to propose a small increase to all categories as detailed below, after bearing in mind the increased management charge, the need to set aside money for future projects, annual maintenance commitment, general cost increases, and that a small annual increase is more palatable for people than a less regular but larger price rise.

Proposed membership rates 2026 - 2027

Adult	£130 (120 if paid by 30.04.2026)
New adult	£60
Family	£260 (£240 if paid by 30.04.26)
New family	£120
Concession	£60 (£55 if paid by 30.04.2026)
Junior Primary	£20 (No change)
Junior Secondary	£30 (No change)
Country	£75 (£70 if paid by 30.04.2026)
Visitors	£10 per court (No change)

- b. Election of officers. We need a new Treasurer for the start of the 26-27 membership year, and we will need a new Secretary for the year after as Allan is going to stand down then. Carol stated she is happy to continue as Chair but for a maximum of 5 years in total. It was agreed we should get succession planning in place so that the transfer of roles can be as easy as possible.

6 Club maintenance.

- a. The Pavilion door has been replaced again, this time with a sturdy aluminium frame which should last. The tennis section has been given 2 keys from BCBLT funds, Carol T has one and Liz Blyth the other for matches. The keys are security keys that cost £22.50 each and must be ordered on the internet. Committee agreed to order one more for now to be kept in a keysafe in shed for club sessions/matches. **CT to order key; LM-W to buy key safe**
- b. The drainage channel and grid has been mended by SSS at no cost to the club. They have advised it is not intended to be driven over. Careful placement of plant pots should help with this.
- c. We will book our first annual court maintenance as per our maintenance contract for Autumn 2026

7 Events and tournaments. **Carol** will ask Allan if he can do his usual social tournament, and **Harriet** will look into organizing a junior one after seeking advice from the coaches. It might be good to hold these on the same weekend.

8 Club Development. It is still an aspiration of the club to have its own club house.

9 AOB. Ryan has suggested arranging some friendly matches with New Mills. This was considered a good idea, and **Carol** will speak with Ryan and think how best to arrange these.

10 Date of next meeting is for the AGM on 12th March 2026