

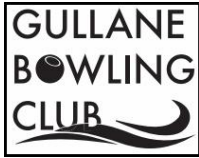
Gullane Bowling Club

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2025 GBC AGM Agenda

Venue, Date and Time - The Village Hall. Saturday 15th February 2025 @ 11:30

1. AGM Minutes 2024
2. President's Report
3. Secretary's Report
 - 3.1. Including New Clubhouse Proposal
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee Members
 - 5.1. In accordance our Constitution Trevor Wood will retire as President but remain on the committee in an advisory Past President role.
 - 5.2. The committee nominates Gail Douglas-Mellors as President
 - 5.3. In accordance our constitution Bill Lowe will retire as Club Secretary
 - 5.4. The Committee nominates Gary Hitchen as Club Secretary who will retire as current Club Treasurer
 - 5.5. The Committee nominates Anne Pinkerton as Club Treasurer
 - 5.6. Paul Hay is retiring as a committee member
 - 5.7. The committee nominates Derek Grainger as a committee member
 - 5.8. Other nominations raised by the membership
6. A O B
 - 6.1. Club Merchandise
 - 6.2. Points raised by the membership



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Minutes of Gullane Bowling Club AGM held 15th February 2025

Committee Present:	Trevor Wood (President), Gail Douglas-Mellors (Vice-President), Gary Hitchen (Treasurer), Colleen Bonar (Member), and Paul Hay (Member and Greens Convener, Kelly Hoddinott (Member)
Committee Apologies:	Kevin Omand (Member and Match Sec.), Bill Lowe (Secretary)
Member Apologies:	Stuart Alderson, Muriel Calder, Scott Douglas, Graeme Paul, Steve Roberts, Isabella Simpson, Hamish Wood.
Members Present:	Please see attached register of attendees – 40 members total

1. AGM Minutes 2024

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved as a true record.
[Proposed by Jeff Aitken and seconded by Brian Thomson]

2. President's Report (Trevor Wood)

Welcome to you all for attending the 2025 AGM of Gullane Bowling Club.

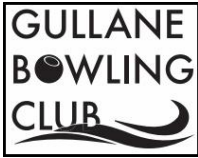
Firstly, thank you to all our members for their continued support over the last year. Thanks to the committee members for their ongoing work on behalf of the club. Thanks to the many volunteers who help in the background: Tending the garden, the green and surrounds, with a special mention for the new green surround boarding courtesy of Bommer and Lofty, looking after the flower containers, keeping refreshments and snacks well stocked, running the bar, providing catering and home baking, running the Bingo, the raffles, last man standing, the sponsors boards, the 100 club, fun competitions, plus the huge effort around the Paris Steele invitational pairs day, making East Lothian Deaf bowls feel welcome and enjoy their opening day and prize giving event. Supporting the club's effort to engage with Gullane Primary School and providing sessions for their P7 classes which will continue this season.

The Grand tour to Northern Ireland was an outstanding success and more tours will be happening in 2025, check out the noticeboard.

The list of activities grows each year, which is fantastic and if I have failed to mention something, please accept my apologies.

Thanks to all our sponsors for their continued support of the club. I must specifically mention Revive and Jonny Pearson, who have been our shirt sponsor for 23, 24 and, I'm pleased to announce, continue into 2025.

Congratulations to Anne Pinkerton and Stuart Robison for their successes in winning the Womens and Mens championships respectively. Also congratulations to the 2 bowl 3 bowl and senior's competition winners, and all the runners up that played their part in



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providing some very entertaining and competitive finals. What a season,!!!

The Womens Tuesday evening league side launched successfully, Seniors retain Div2 status and I know they want more!! The continuation of our very well subscribed club competitions our Invitational pairs comp, all this, with tremendous backing from you the membership. The green was busier than it's ever been I suspect!! It was wonderful once again to see all the ties being played and the exceptionally high participation levels which provided tremendous entertainment and added extra value to being a member. The health of the club is there for all to see.

On to the Friday League. What can we say.. Gullane, Div 4 League and Cup double!!! Gullane A rightly establishing themselves as one to watch in this season's Div4...Believe!!!!. The celebrations will live long in the memory and as the song that evening went "We did it Kev's way!!!".

The year was not without its sadness, the passing of John Keith, Ian Black, and other former members and supporters of the club.

Regards the new clubhouse, the work continues to be a top priority. The club is deeply grateful to Jules Frostwick our Architect and Stuart Alderson for taking on the role of Project Manager. His experience has already helped see good steps forward assisted by John Barrett and a team of members who have come forward to get their teeth into this project, from building, planning, and vitally fundraising. We are all ears and delighted to hear from others who feel they can bring something to the table, or know of others outwith the membership who may lend their experience.

My time is now at an end in this role. Thanks to you all for your personal support but far more importantly, your loyalty to the club. It gives me great pleasure to pass on the role to Gail, I cannot think of a more appropriate person, given all she continues to do for the club... Congratulations Gail and here's to many more years of continued success for Gullane Bowling Club..

3. Secretary's Report (Bill Lowe)

Bill Lowe was too ill to attend the AGM but sent this message to the Committee:

Trev and the Committee,

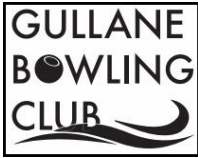
It looks like my realistic ambition tomorrow is to walk the length of myself... and still be able to speak, so I too must send my apologies for the AGM.

What a Yorkshireman has to do to avoid getting a post-AGM round in!

Wel, 5 years as Secretary under three Presidents. How the club has developed over the years particularly these last two - Upwards and onwards.

Gail - I'm sure you will make a fantastic President and continue the Team GBC journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Committee with many good and rewarding times, but I'm sure you will enjoy a shorter set of minutes probably with less typos.

We have great support from the membership who, I think, understand what goes into



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running/managing our club.

Please pass on my thanks to the membership who have accepted the odd email typo/error without complaint.

I will continue to be heavily involved with the New Clubhouse - which is an exciting massive challenge... maybe an opportunity to write more minutes!

I will still be involved with the morning bowlers who also generally form the nucleus of the essential swishers, rollers, top dressing spreaders, P7 supervisors, etc.

The Club has been a surprise revelation for me on retirement. Despite living in the village for many years - work got in the way. Through the club I have made many new friends and can now walk down the street and be recognised!

Finally - a year off the big 70 and playing in competitive Team Sports (only if selected Kevo) - fantastic.

Cheers All

Bill

3.1 The new Clubhouse was not covered due to Bill's absence.

4. Treasurer's Report (Gary Hitchen)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AGM 2025

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FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2024

The closing balance on 31 December 2024 was £60,114.76 vs £49,358.79 last year.

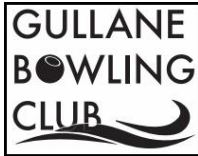
This balance was split across two accounts as follows (as of 31 Dec 2024):

Current Account - £7,399.06

Savings Account - £52,715.70

The Fixed Term Deposit Account holding £25,000 setup in 2023 matured and is now held in the Savings Account. In 2024, £15,000 was transferred from the Current Account to the Savings Account to earn interest.

2024 Accounts		2023 Accounts	
Current Account	£7,399.06	Current Account	£14,054.2



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Savings Account			Savings Account	£10,304.5
Current Account 2024	£15,000.00		Fixed Term Deposit	£25,000.0
Current Account 2021 + Interest	£35,304.58			£49,358.7
Buy-A-Brick	£4,440.00			
2024 Interest	£1,221.12			
New Clubhouse	-£3,250.00			
	£60,114.76			

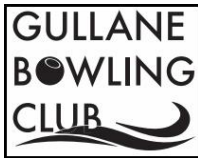
Income and Expenditure

LAST YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
	Subscriptions 2023	£4,925.00	Clubhouse	£2,467.3
	Subscriptions 2024	£3,400.00	Greenkeeper	£4,199.9
	Donations/Grants/Advertising Boards	£7,475.00	Green & Hedge	£5,382.9
	ELC Grants	£2,000.00	Meetings/Events	£1,104.1
	Ad Boards & Sponsorship	£4,350.00	Utilities	£3,601.5
	Donations	£1,125.00	Affiliation fees	£1,505.0
	Fundraising & refreshments	£6,801.50	Food & Drink Supplies	£703.0
	Events & visitors	£3,684.00	Misc	£248.0
	Lockers, Shirts & Jackets	£1,136.00	Insurance	£971.6
	Bank Interest	£288.64	Club Shirts/Jackets	£1,350.0
	TOTAL	£27,710.14	TOTAL	£21,533.6

THIS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2024

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
	Subscriptions & Lockers 2024	£6,955.00	Clubhouse	£2,865.6
	Subscriptions & Lockers 2025	£2,720.00	Greenkeeper	£4,400.0
	Donations/Grants/Advertising Boards	£8,475.00	Green & Hedge	£2,940.3
	Buy-A-Brick	£4,440.00	Meetings/Events	£900.0
	Ad Boards & Sponsorship	£3,960.00	Utilities	£3,100.5
	Donations	£75.00	Affiliation fees	£908.0



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Fundraising & refreshments	£9,549.98	Food & Drink Supplies	£2,687.0
Events & visitors	£2,028.10	Misc	£439.4
Club Hire	£2,228.00	Insurance	£899.2
Bank Interest	£1,221.12	New Clubhouse	£3,250.0
	TOTAL	TOTAL	£22,390.2

Thank you to Jeff Aitken for auditing the accounts in his typically diligent way - he even managed to spot the deliberate mistake I typed on one of the covering pages.

I want to say thank you to everyone that has helped us stay on a solid financial footing during 2024. On top of your membership, every hat game, bingo session, crib club, raffle, last-man-standing, 100 club, football card, pair's competitions, coffee and bar sale that you take part in helps to keep the club afloat and moving forward. Plus we have the added excitement of needing a new clubhouse, so an additional thank you to everyone that has bought a brick in 2024 - and there are still plenty available to buy in 2025!

And a special thank you to all the members that organise the fundraising activities I have just listed, I daren't list the names because I'm guaranteed to miss somebody out, but thank you all.

If anyone would like further information on the 2024 accounts then please contact me after this meeting.

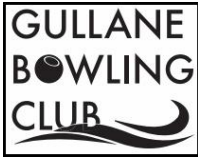
And with that I resign as Treasurer of GBC.

5. Election of Committee Members

- Trevor Wood retired as President but remains on the committee in an advisory Past President role.
- Bill Lowe retired as Secretary
- Gary Hitchen retired as Treasurer
- Paul Hay retired as a committee member
- Colleen Bonar retired as committee member
- The Committee nominated Gail Douglas-Mellors as President. Proposed by Colleen Bonar and seconded by Alex Calder.
- The Committee nominated Gary Hitchen as Club Secretary. Proposed by Tom Heaphy and seconded by Margot Mellors.
- The Committee nominated Anne Pinkerton as Club Treasurer. Proposed by John Barrett and seconded by Paul Hay.
- The committee nominated Derek Grainger as a committee member. Proposed by Mary Gunning and seconded by Alex Calder.
- No nominations were raised by the membership.

6. A O B

6.1 Club Merchandise



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Club merchandise was available to view after the meeting.

6.2 Points raised by the membership
No points were raised.