

# Newbiggin Bowls Club – AGM Minutes 2025

Date: Saturday, 15th March 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Clubhouse

## 1. Opening of Meeting

The Chairman, Derek Harding, opened the meeting at 11:00 AM and welcomed all members in attendance.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

Bill Waters

## 3. Roll Call of Members

Male Members Present:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ladies Members Present: To be confirmed

## 4. Change to Agenda Order

At the Chairman's discretion, the Election of Officials was brought forward.

## 5. Election of Club Officials

Chairman: [REDACTED] – Unopposed, duly elected

Treasurer: [REDACTED] – Elected Ladies Secretary: Joan Gledhill – Elected Safeguarding Officer: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] – Elected Committee Members Elected: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Chairman welcomed the newly elected officials and thanked all those who stood for election.

## 6. Chairman's Report

The Green: Maintenance was carried out at the end of last season by Procore, including seeding, aeration, scarification, and weed control. Lawn sand has recently been applied, and a spring fertiliser is scheduled before the season begins. Grounds and Buildings: A site meeting was held with four County Council representatives, including Liz Simpson. Issues addressed included the boundary fence, building foundations, the state of the toilets and shutters, and installation of a defibrillator. The Council agreed to: - Address the boundary and foundation issues - Upgrade the ladies' toilets (including accessibility) - Tidy the gents' toilets. These works are planned for the 2026 financial year. Unfortunately, the request to rejoin the Council green maintenance scheme was declined due to cost. Suggestions were made to contact the local council regarding the defibrillator. Backboards: A contractor was contacted to quote for replacing backboards and lifting the green's edges. A grant from Liz Simpson has helped fund the work, though timber delays have impacted timelines. Installation is expected to begin the week after the AGM. Members are asked to assist in refitting artificial turf and rubber matting. Acknowledgements: - [REDACTED] – Club Safeguarding Officer qualification - [REDACTED] – Clearing and cementing around the green - [REDACTED] – Ongoing maintenance support. Volunteers are encouraged for grass collection and green maintenance. Training for mowing is available.

## 7. Secretary's Report

Secretary [REDACTED] confirmed that all documentation for the upcoming season has been submitted to Bowls Northumberland. Members were asked to tick the availability sheets for leagues and indicate which competitions they do not wish to enter. A new Monday evening league entry was confirmed: - EBF (English Bowling Federation)

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

Newly elected Treasurer [REDACTED] provided an overview of the ladies' finances. With the amalgamation of the club, both ladies' and men's accounts will be merged. Outgoing Secretary [REDACTED] presented the men's financial summary, explaining that following the resignation of the previous Treasurer, both he and the Chairman had worked to reconcile the accounts. The club is currently in a healthy financial position moving forward.

## **9. Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised. Membership fees were collected immediately following the closure of the meeting.

## **10. Closure**

The meeting was officially closed by Chairman [REDACTED].