

NEWTON ABBOT TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES – 12 MAY 2026

Present: Brian Mackess (Chair), Doug Chalmers (Treasurer), Pauline Allsop, Mark Laughton, Ian Nightingale, Julie Collins, Jane Comyns

Apologies: Claire Andrew, Tracey Milton, Andy Lloyd

Update on issues discussed at the extra meeting held on 28 April 2026

- **Court safety:** A new accident book has been placed in the Pavillion. Members are asked to note all incidents no matter how trivial.
- **Lights:** 1 bulb not working.
Action: Brian is speaking to someone re the loan of an access tower.
- **Ghana Day:** It was agreed to go ahead with this on a Friday Club Session.
Action: Jane Comyns will speak to Nii.
- **Publicity:** There was a general discussion around banners and WhatsApp Groups.
Action: ongoing.

Finance Report:

Doug provided the accounts for the period ending 30 April 2026. He stated that the Club, although showing a loss, was roughly on budget. It was noted that we have fewer teams this summer.

It was agreed that there was no way of making any savings on existing expenditure. Brian is attending a meeting with the Rec Trust to discuss a possible reduction of payments. Brian will also speak to Maddie to look into a working solution to recording her coaching sessions.

Membership:

It was stated that the membership since the split has remained fairly steady.

Safeguarding Update:

No report in Andy's absence.

Summer Leagues:

No problems.

Reports from Task Leaders:

- **Court Maintenance:** Mark said that this is ongoing and all in hand.
- **Pavilion maintenance:** Jane has spoken to Paul regarding advertising banners. There was a discussion regarding notice boards and Jane said that a facility to show team results was needed. There was a general discussion regarding a new sign over the Pavilion as this is looking very worn and dated. There was a request for the wall belonging to the Rec Trust be painted. It was noted that Tracey Milton was doing a grand job of looking after the Pavilion.
- **Padel:** Ian stated that he can report back on this but he does not wish to be looked at as the lead. It was noted that the old Jewson site is going to have padel courts installed. There was a general discussion on how this could affect/alter the decision on this.
- **Fund raising:** Brian will circulate Claire Andrew's report on this. Richard Chamber's, in conversation with Brian, has said that he is looking into a possible donation from the AwdryTrust.

Recreational Trust:

Brian attending a meeting next week. **Ongoing**

Any Other Business:

Maddie asked if anyone had any information on how to take over the captaincy of a team. It was suggested that this could be raised in the Leadership WhatsApp Group or with Andy Lloyd. **Maddie to follow up.**

The subject of the possibility of a toilet adjoining the Pavilion was raised. Jane state that this was ongoing.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 24 June 2026.