NEWTON ABBOT TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – 26 October 2026

Present: Andrew Lloyd (Acting Chair), Pauline Allsop (Membership Secretary), Ian Nightingale, Jane Comyns, Brian Mackness, Mark Laughton, Madeline Ramsey
Apologies: Douglas Chalmers (Treasurer)

Matters arising from the previous meeting: There was a meeting between senior members of the Committee with the Rec Trust to discussion the possibility of reducing tennis club fees. The outcome of this was not entirely satisfactory.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the financial position of the club. I was agreed to look further into Padel as an option going forward. **Action:** Ongoing

The Committee thanked Madeline Ramsey for her concerted efforts in organising and arranging the trophies for the winners. It was agreed that all trophies will be presented at the upcoming AGM.

Safeguarding update: There were no issues regarding this.

Preparation for upcoming AGM (24 November 2026, 7.30pm): It was agreed that membership fees will need to be raised.

Brian Mackness has reviewed the document outlining all membership, court usage and light topics. This will be further revised and presented at the AGM.

Major fund raising: This was discussed earlier in the meeting with the matters arising.
A number of members have suggested fundraising events. We need a task group to take this forward. **Action:** Andy to raise at AGM.

Finance Report: As the Treasurer could not attend the meeting, he forwarded the up-to-date information which shows a recurring loss to date.

Membership Report: The membership is remaining stable.

Any other business: It was stated that there is a need for volunteers to help to keep Court 4 clear, such as sweeping leaves and debris. It was agreed to ask members if they could donate any tools which could help with this.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 24 November 2026.