

Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting

Monday 13th July following the AGM in the Pavilion

1 Election of Chairman

Dave Miller was proposed by John Lamb, seconded by Jamie Edgar and was elected.

2 Apologies for Absence

Dave Carney, Alison Kingston.

3 Declaration, acceptance and willingness to act as a Trustee

Everyone accepted verbally and the form will be circulated and signed at the next meeting.

4 Minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026

Agreed and signed.

5 Matters Arising

None.

6 Treasurer's Report

Linda had discussed the Annual Report at the AGM. She reiterated that we have a very healthy balance, £24,966 in our current account, and that we could 'spend some money'. There was a brief discussion on what we should do if we go over the £25k threshold with regards to our accountant/auditor; however this amount is based on income per year, not on our bank balance.

We discussed roof and boiler repairs (see Maintenance report) and also some spending on the hall refurbishment (see Social Committee report). We have a new Sum-up machine. Linda also said that we make a lot of money hiring out the tennis court.

She commented on our 2 most recent EDF bills; the ones for this May and June were lower than those for the same months in 2025. Thanks to Jamie for switching to EDF from British Gas.

7 Booking Secretary's Report

Susan had given her report at the AGM. The only other thing to comment on was that she will be confirming timings/dates with the user groups for 2028 before she opens up bookings to the public.

8 Maintenance Report

Soffits - Anthony the joiner is expected to do the repairs soon and he will also put primer on. He was asking who we have as our painter. John L knows a painter; Claire also gave John details for Chris Hay and Dave M will pass on the details for Tony Armstrong.

Steps - they look shabby. The edges have been previously painted with white emulsion but the surface is breaking up so they need a levelling screed or a resin paint which bonds well and looks good.

Weeding - John L has been tidying up the paths and steps.

Batteries- John M and Jamie reported that we will probably receive another grant towards 2 new batteries. Kirsty is waiting for our go-ahead to complete the grant application. The batteries will cost around £15k but we may get the full cost back. If we do get a further 2 we'll have to put them alongside the existing 2 batteries, not on top, which will mean we'll lose about a foot of storage space. We have 27kwh now and we'll double it. This should beef up our resilience and also save ourselves money. As discussed at our last meeting we may get rid of our oil boiler and go all electric and the extra batteries would help. Jamie will look at heavy duty American style racking to lift items off the floor; Gill suggested reverting to keeping more chairs in the hall, around the tables, and John L suggested looking at portable trolleys for the trestle tables. Lucker Hall (The Watson Memorial) was mentioned but we wonder if they're stored 'landscape' rather than 'portrait' which would take up more room.

Batteries will negatively affect our insurance premium and Linda will check with our insurance company. She also thinks NNVHC recommends a different company from the one we use so she'll check that out too.

9 Annual insurance policy quote

Linda will report on this separately.

10 Risk Assessment Report

Linda has completed this and the report is on the noticeboard.

11 Utilities Update

Some people have experienced problems linking their laptops/tablets to the TV screen and so Jamie has put a helpful link on our website. He has also offered to put a link on for other things, eg the dishwasher?

At a recent craft fair some stall holders were unable to use their Sum-up machines to take card payments; possibly overuse of the guest WiFi when too many were trying to use it? We decided not to put the password for our

own WiFi on the noticeboard but to compromise with it being displayed on the inside of the door, near the router.

Jamie has produced a report, which he will circulate, comparing oil with electric heating. If we went with electric we could get rid of the oil tank and the need for a new filter; a wet heating system can be a problem if it freezes or if there's a leak. We would need a small hot water tank for the shower and hand washing. Infra red heaters are good but not necessary for the Pavilion; instead we would go for electric panel radiators. For the moment we will keep the oil tank but go for a hive system on the boiler which should save us money in the short term.

12 Monthly rota check list

All good. Everyone knows which month they're on duty.

13 Social Committee

Claire introduced this by discussing new lighting, curtains and painting. We talked about it and decided to leave the lighting alone, other than buying strings of fairy lights for musical events etc. She will organise the purchase of new cream curtains and the painting of the top half of the hall. We'll leave the bottom half (wooden panelling) until a decision is made re new radiators. Even though we don't need new lighting we'll still ask Alan McFarlane to come and put a WiFi booster in the corner of the hall.

We discussed a late summer/autumn event, bearing in mind 'The Fairway Strollers' were such a success earlier in the year. Claire had also wondered about a bingo night and possibly the return of the fish and chip van. Jamie remembered junior discos for holiday makers years ago and other similar fund raisers.

14 Hooky/proggy mat wall hanging

The WI have advanced plans for a wall hanging, with thoughts that it would be in the middle of a triptych. We respect their plans, but bearing in mind our minimalist view of the redecorating of the hall, and the proposed size of their panel (perhaps 1m x 2m) and the need to remove it from the hall at regular intervals, we reluctantly decided that we would not go ahead with our panels and would not encourage the WI to proceed with their panel as it stands. Linda as the WI rep is to go back to them. We would prefer local scenes on the walls of the hall, maybe even simple black and white prints.

15. WI catering event on Wednesday 19th August

We agreed not to charge the WI a fee for this event which will raise money to support a local charity.

16. Any Other Business

John L has bought 2 packs of 10 tea towels and they are in the top left hand kitchen cupboard.

Linda will start a WhatsApp group for Pavilion members to quickly make contact with them should it be necessary.

Date of next meeting - Monday 7th September at 11am in the Pavilion