



CLAYTON - LE - MOORS HARRIERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - The Thornton Arms & via Zoom

At 7.45pm on Monday 17th November 2025

1. Opening Remarks

Peter Mackrell introduced himself and opened the meeting. Peter explained the club has been short of a chair for a while. The club has managed without a chairperson due to have a Club President, however our president Dave Scott passed away at the start of the year and is sadly missed. Leaving the club without a Chair and President.

Peter praised the club, highlighting our 100 year old history. Peter raised the question of what will the club look like in another 100 years? We need to keep evolving.

Peter explained that as a club it is essential we have up to date Club Standards that are a requirement from England Athletics. We have implemented many of the Club Standards in the last 1 - 2 years but still have some outstanding.

Peter thanked Judith Carey & Leanne Ashworth for their years of service on the committee in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer.

One of our biggest challenges is finding volunteers, if anyone can help in any way it will be extremely helpful and valued.

2. Attendance and Apologies

69 members face to face and ? members via Zoom were present at the meeting.
Apologises from Bob Hirst & Harry Manning.

3. Appointment of Tellers

Mark Nutter and Colin Woolford were appointed as Tellers.

4. Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Mark Nutter pointed out 2 amendments to be made to the 2024 AGM minutes: Point 13 should read Stainscomb not Stainforth and Stan died aged 97 not 88.

Mark Nutter asked if the footnote needs to be on the minutes? If so, can we add to it? Peter Mackrell explained that the footnote helps to explain/pick up points from after the meeting. Mark Nutter asked if we can note £1000 was agreed for Stan's Hut, then the decision was reversed and he was informed 7 weeks later about the decision reversal, in the end the club donated £250.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were approved as a true record with this amendment.

5. Matters Arising

Linda Lord asked what the progress was on Stans's hut? Mark Nutter explained that it is 99% completed, the plan for next year is to have a club walk from Sabden to the hut. Mike Wallis asked what happens with the hut after that. Mark explained that it's a memorial/museum to Stan and also a shelter if running on Pendle Hill. However you will need the code to the lock to gain access.

6. The Secretary's Report

Judith Carey, secretary presented her report to the meeting thanking all the committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months.

We have again seen changes in the committee this year. Sadly, the year began with the tragic loss of our very, very dear Club President David Scott. David was an extremely valued member of the Club and is dearly missed.

We also saw the resignation of Jason Pier from his role on the committee. We would like to thank Jason for all his hard work and contributions to the committee and the club. Jason has worked so hard behind the scenes for many years and his shoes are big shoes to fill! But as always, everyone has worked so hard to help grow the club in more than just numbers.

I would also like to thank Leanne for her service as she steps down as Club Treasurer after many years in the role. Leanne has worked really hard behind the scenes ensuring the club finances are in order.

As a committee we have met 8 times since the previous AGM in November 2024, both face to face and online for those unable to attend face to face.

The juniors have done some amazing running this year, regularly taking part at our local Parkruns, PBGP, XC & fell races. Our junior coaches Marion, Jason & the team put so much time and energy training and stretching them and seeing their potential. Marion has done a brilliant job working alongside Burnley Boys Club and implementing the additional strength & conditioning at the track/new gym/bootcamp for all our juniors to benefit from. We are really looking forward to how this will develop in 2026 for the club.

The Wednesday intermediate session has been recently boosted with the Lift the Curfew initiative and has seen some members and non members participating with a great number of runners taking part.

Over recent years coaches and consistent training has been very difficult to recruit & keep, it is an area we often talk about as a committee and we are always looking for new volunteers to get involved with coaching, so please do step forward if you are interested. I'd like to say a BIG thank you to all of our coaches and run leaders - old and new, who faithfully lead the group sessions every week no matter the weather or number of runners... YOU ARE VALUED.

Over the last 12 - 18 months, personally I have really challenged myself to focus on my personal wellbeing. However, these changes and managing a very busy lifestyle of family, work & business and other commitments has proved very difficult this year. Unfortunately I've reached a point where I am no longer able to commit the time the role of Club Secretary needs and I have decided to step down from the position. I have enjoyed being in this role for the past 6 years and I am hoping that I can still be a valuable member on the committee and help out where I can as we can never have enough volunteers!

Thank You to everyone for your support.

The secretary report was accepted.

7. The Treasurer's Report

Leanne Ashworth, Treasurer presented her report to the committee.

2024-2025 has unfortunately seen another loss in the accounts.

Race income is down from last year, and we have had losses on both Thieveley Pike fell race and Mearley Clough Fell race, which is down to the number of runners taking part. Clothing sales have increased for juniors. The card reader from Barclays is now ready for use.

Due to an increase in EA fees (now £23 per member) and affiliation fees, I think we may have to look at increasing our membership fees. I have listed membership prices of some of the other local clubs to compare subscriptions.

Rossendale Harriers:

Seniors £40.00

Juniors £30.00

Students at college/uni £20.00

Family membership is £80.00

Blackburn Harriers:

Senior Membership (21+) £62.50

U13 - U20 Membership £57.50

U11 Membership £37.50

Social member £30.50

Accrington Road Runners:

Seniors £40

Trawden Athletic club:

Seniors: £40 first year, £30 every subsequent year

Juniors: £25

Burnley Athletic Club:

Seniors £45

Juniors £40

Ribble Valley Runners:

Seniors £30

Current Bank Balance: £251.67 in Barclays, £555.94 in PayPal and £14,587.86 in Nat West.

Leanne recommended leaving the fees as they are for next year and then see if they need increasing in the future.

Peter Mackrell explained that losses are not great on the accounts, but we've got £18,000 in the bank and have a good length of cover. We're not in trouble and there's no immediate intention to spend those reserves.

There was some discussion regarding EA fees. The EA fees are the same for both senior & juniors, associate members do not have EA fees paid as they are non competing.

JP confirmed that juniors pay for their own training and still receive a free racing vest when they come a member.

The meeting agreed that the Accounts were accepted.

8. Membership Secretary Report - AW on behalf of PM***Membership Numbers***

This report provides a summary of the membership statistics for Clayton-le-Moors Harriers for the 2025 membership year.

Overall Membership Summary

The club has a total of **321 registered members** with a breakdown across age bands and biological sex as follows:

Membership Breakdown by Age Group

Male Members: 218 (68% of the total membership)

Female Members: 103 (32% of the total membership)

Under 18	19	39
18-34	14	32
35-39	7	8
40-44	11	16
45-49	10	12
50-54	9	23
55-59	10	21
60-64	6	20
65-69	10	18
70 - 74	2	12
75	5	16
Total	103	217

*Please note that one member has their DOB missing, hence there being a discrepancy between 320 members above and the total 321 members.

Key Takeaway: 68% of our club are men and 62% of our membership are over 40. As a club we should be looking to recruit and retain younger members and to find a way to redress the gender imbalance of our club.

New Member Intake 2025

We have had 46 new members join in 2025 and we've had 29 members who have either not renewed or left the club. Our membership has grown by 17 members in the last year.

Fees

England Athletics are increasing their annual athlete registration fees from £20 to £23. See below:

“From April 2026, club and member body affiliation fees will be £210, and athlete registration fees will be £23. We are committed to ensuring our fees remain affordable in comparison to other sports and our sport in other parts of the UK. Whilst our long-term aim is to keep fees to a minimum, the increase is reflective of increases to our own costs over recent years in important areas such as insurance - a critical aspect underpinning the support provided to clubs, coaches and competition providers.”

Currently our fees for competing athletes are: Adult - £30, 23 and under - £15.

PayPal and Standing Orders

The introduction of the MemberMojo system has enabled members to pay their membership via PayPal, whilst some prefer to continue paying by standing order. From the club's perspective, PayPal is much easier to administer because the payment is automatically linked to the membership record. Standing orders create additional workload because payments must be reconciled against member details. We have standing orders being paid into two different bank accounts, at irregular times throughout the year, many of which are still at the old membership fees, and some of which have narratives that don't correspond to member names. The club cannot change a standing order; it must be done by the member themselves. For those who wish to continue paying by standing order, it would be appreciated if you could check that you're paying the correct amount, that you set this to be paid on 1st January, and to ensure it is paid into our Nat West account:

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Sort: 01-00-04. Account: 01064592

My sincere thanks to every member for their part in our club, and to the committee, coaches, and run leaders whose hard work makes our club the success it is.

Adam Wale talked about trying to get more younger members into the club.

Adam explained that it's almost time for membership renewals, please can members use PayPal & Membership Mojo to renew. We still get members who pay by Standing Order with the incorrect amount which then causes more work to get it corrected, especially as we don't have all their up to date contact details. Katy Thompson asked if we write to people to inform them? Adam confirmed that we don't write to them as we don't have their addresses as they haven't renewed on member mojo.

There was some discussion around people who don't use technology and how they renew their member fees and it's a minority that don't have a phone or internet access.

The renewal on Member Mojo asks all members to agree to the Club Standards.

Shaun Turner asked what the ages are of the 29 that have left the club this year. This information wasn't to hand.

Mark Nutter asked if we can be introduce new members on Facebook each month, like we have done previously. Peter Mackrell explained that these are nice things to do each month but not essential. If we have the volunteers, then it helps us to do things like introduce the new members each month.

9. New Constitution to be Adopted

Peter Mackrell explained that it's a world of governance and we are not exempt from the law. England Athletics have introduced 8 Club Standards a few years ago and we have put most of these in place. These have previously been aspirations and not mandatory. However from next year they are mandatory and we need to be compliant by the end of March 2026.

The hardest Club Standard is Health & Safety. It requires looking at qualified coaches, first aid, risk assessments and this needs to be our primary focus. Unfortunately none of the current committee members have expertise in this area and we are desperate for someone to help out.

2 years ago, we put in a new constitution, however 2 years in there are some issues that are personal to us as a club to help us move forward, such as a Club Chairperson, President and Club Captains.

There was lots of discussion around the changes being made to the constitution, including the terminology. Andrew Foster pointed out that we are not intended to understand this, it means we can be assured we've done everything we need to do as a committee, otherwise we are exposed.

Peter Mackrell pointed out that if we put in place a health & safety policy that is not adhered to then we are liable, but we don't want groups going underground because of the policy. There are lots of H&S templates out there and putting a policy in place is not the hard bit. It needs all the leaders/coaches to follow the policy.

Mark Nutter said that previously people have been asked to do Run Leader & coaching courses, however some leaders are aged 60+ and not wanting to officially coach or lead, therefore they have just led social runs and not posted as official sessions.

There will always be a duty of care from the leaders. John Roche said we need a minimum standard for each leader, if they don't want to do that then we are not covered.

Adrienne asked what the difference is between England Athletics and FRA standards? Colin Woolford asked Mark Nutter (FRA ambassador) if he can feedback to FRA. Mark said all fell races are licensed by FRA and the race organiser has to be licensed by FRA.

Scott Cunliffe stated it is worth checking with FRA & WFRA to check their standards.

Peter Mackrell explained that it needed highlighting tonight because it's important.

The constitution included additional roles on the committee to reflect the Club Standards such as Health & Safety, Marketing & Communications and additional Committee Member roles to enable more people to be involved.

If everyone is ok with the changes to the constitution we can vote for them to be adopted.

John Roche recommended we vote in Chair & President tonight and then call another EGM to review the constitution.

Paul Webster stated that people have come to the AGM tonight to vote.

Peter Mackrell stated that the comments made have been taken onboard, but we will vote to adopt the new constitution.

Colin Woolford also stated we should propose to adopt in full.

New constitution proposed and adopted in full - 41 votes in favour of change and 11 against.

10. Election of President, Captains, Officers and Committee

Nominations for President - Peter Browning & Marion Wilkinson

Nominations for Chairperson - John Roche & Marion Wilkinson

Nominations for Club Captains - Michelle Abbott, Scott Cunliffe & Mark Nutter

Votes for above roles taken with ballot papers as 5 or more members had requested it as per the constitution.

The following appointments were made:

2024/2025 Nominations for Officer and Committee

	Standing	Proposed by	Seconded by
Officer			
President	Peter Browning		
Chairperson	John Roche		
Secretary	Kath Brady		
Treasurer	Shaun Turner		
Committee			
Membership Secretary	Adam Wale		
Health & Safety Officer	Vacant		
Welfare Officer & Committee Member	Kim Kennedy		
Welfare Officer & Committee Member	Peter Mackrell		
Marketing & Communications Officer	Vacant		
Junior Organiser	Marion Wilkinson		
Club Captain	Scott Cunliffe		
Club Captain	Mark Nutter		
Committee Member	Judith Carey		
Committee Member	Helen Harrison		
Committee Member	David Siguenza		
Committee Member			
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Peter Mackrell reiterated that if anyone wants to get involved with volunteering or the committee they are always welcome to attend a meeting and get involved.

11. Election of Auditor 2024/2025

Alex Cran was appointed as Auditor for 2025/2026. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

12. The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next AGM - 2026.