

**Draft Minutes of the
CRAIG Y DON CROQUET CLUB Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 in the CYD Community Centre**

1. Welcome.

The Chairman RH, welcomed the 41 club members present and started the meeting at 2.00pm

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held the 30th April 2025: -

The previous year's draft minutes were proposed for approval by Nick Challinor, seconded by Alison Elison and accepted unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

3. Chairman's Report:-

The Chairman (RH), gave a verbal annual report of last year's excellent club activities at the meeting. (See attached.) followed by some discussion. Two members received thanks from the floor for their help to the club

4. The Club Constitution: -

The new club Constitution, previously circulated with due notice, was proposed by Linda Pike, seconded by Cecilia Lilley and approved unanimously by a show of hands, easily exceeding the required vote of 2/3 of those members present at the meeting.

5. Finance and Accounts: -

The Scrutinised Annual Accounts for 2025/26 were presented and discussed with explanations where necessary.

They were proposed for acceptance by John Hannah, seconded by Bob Ellison, and passed unanimously by a show of hands. RH thanked the work done by Linda Pike and Barbara Finnikin but reiterated the now extremely urgent need for a volunteer club Treasurer.

6. The new Croquet Club Community Pavilion: -

RH gave a verbal update report on the project (copy attached). We are currently out to tender with 6 local builders. Sealed bid prices are expected to be returned on May 11th. The current clubhouse will be used by the successful contractor and is expected to be vacated by members in late May/June.

7. The CYD Croquet Club Website and Facebook Pages

RH thanked Lorna Challinor on behalf of the club for the excellent website. He explained that it is first class, way in excess of any website he had seen for a similar small organisation. Lorna has now added a member's section to the website. To join you must make a request and then wait for Lorna to verify you and enable you to access it, probably the following day. This will enable us to eventually have secure private club communications without the information being on the World Wide Web Another excellent club asset are our Facebook pages run by Roger Edwards who was also thanked by the Chairman for his services. Both the website and Facebook pages need continuing input from club members to maximize the value of the sites.

Club Secretary JH explained why members must regularly use the website since we

would soon lose our notice board arrangement, whilst the new pavilion was being built. He also stated he would no longer be sending out detailed emails, but a weekly News statement would be made and put on the front page of the website.

8. Election of Officers and Committee:-

The Current Committee members were accepted to continue in current office for a further year without election, since there were no new candidates offered! However, several members including the secretary JH, confirmed that they would no longer stand after this season having served non-stop for over 10 years!

9. Q&A:-

It had been requested that Questions be submitted in writing to The Chair or Secretary before the meeting. One such asked whether the financial problems that seemed to be happening at the Community Centre, could in any way affect the running of the croquet club. RH, our chairman, who is also chair of the Craig y Don Sports and Community Centre which consists of the Community Centre, Tennis Club, Bowls club and croquet club explained that firstly the Centre is stating they do not have a problem, but if they did, it wouldn't affect the croquet club nor tennis or bowls.

10. AOB

Jeff Wright informed the AGM, that he had organised two time-capsules within the Park opposite's perimeter with children from CYD primary school and proposed the club did similar with the Community Pavilion. The AGM enthusiastically agreed to his proposal and nominated him as our representative to take that school project forward on behalf of the club.

Chairman RH then asked Nick Challinor to come forward to be awarded the club Honour of Vice President for his sterling work in making the club more competitive over the past few years and leading it successfully into our first entre into a handicapped Croquet England NW federation league. Nick took his certificate and bouquet of flowers for his wife Lorna (our website manager) with good grace accompanied by cheers and clapping from those present at the AGM.

RH then asked current President Jack Pattenden and wife Helen to come forward. These two founder members have just announced they are moving south of London to be closer to family and this will be their last season at Craig Y Don. Jack is in all respects, "The Founding Father" of our CYD croquet club. It would not have happened without him and support from Helen. RH presented them with gifts from the club and wished them well in their move.

11. Close of AGM.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.00pm.