

Moor Allerton Sports and Social Centre (MASSC)
Registered Charity no. 1179842

MINUTES of AGM held at 2.40pm on Sunday 18th October 2026 held in the Main Hall, Moor Allerton Sports & Social Centre.

1. Peter Williams (Chair) welcomed members to the AGM. 18 members and 5 trustees signed the register of attendance.
2. Apologies were received from Russell Stancliffe, representative of the Snooker Section and Peter Aves, a bowling club member.
3. The minutes of the 2025 AGM were passed having been proposed by Keith Harbage and seconded by Anne M. Miller.
4. The Chair read his report which is attached to the minutes, during which a minute's silence was held to honour the memory of Doug Fern. Doug was a trustee, a long standing and well-respected member of the Bridge Club, a member of the Table Tennis section; and he managed the bar on behalf of the Centre. He will be sadly missed.
5. The following trustees were re-elected, Peter Williams, James Lawson and Martin Kaitcher. The proposer was Paul Shafar and the seconder was Anne M Miller. The role of Secretary remains vacant.

Please note that the representative of the Bowling Club, Ann Page and representatives of the Bridge Club, Dagmar and Greg Reynolds, the Snooker Section, Russell Stancliffe are proposed by the sections they represent and can be changed at any time by their section.

6. Martin read his treasurer report and the accounts were approved. See attached. The proposer was Geoff West and seconded by Brian Gold.
7. Brays of Wetherby were reappointed as examiners.
8. Linda Greenland gave her Centre Manager's report – see attached.
9. The Chair thanked Linda Greenland for all her work to ensure the smooth running of the Social Club on behalf of all the sections.
10. The Chair then expressed his disappointment that the sections supported by MASSC did not send members (apart from the odd one or two) to the AGM and it fell as usual to the Bowling Club members to ensure the AGM was quorate. A suggestion was put forward that in future the Bridge Section (who have the largest membership) might look at co-ordinating their AGM with that of the Bowl's Section and MASSC itself.
11. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.05.

Trustees' Report 18 October 2026

This is my second year as Chairman of Trustees, a very busy year for certain! Before we go any further I think it appropriate to mention that, sadly, during the year, we lost one of our very valued trustees Doug Fern who, amongst other roles, managed the bar here at the Centre. Doug was a very popular member of our board of trustees as well as the table tennis and bridge sections and he is sadly missed.

The organisation takes a significant amount of time and effort to run and I therefore I take this opportunity once again to thank all the trustees for their unstinting hard work & contributions during the year.

MASSC continues to operate much as you know it: home to the Bowls, Bridge, Table Tennis, and Snooker sections, and a valuable resource for the local community. Its overall membership now stands at 519, an increase of 70 from last year.

Overall responsibility for MASSC should rest with twelve trustees: four elected at the AGM, and up to two nominated by each section. Currently there are 5 vacancies, namely that of Secretary, 1 from bowls, 1 from snooker and 2 from table tennis. Linda Greenland stepped down from the role of Secretary at last year's meeting after organising the previous six AGMs but continues in her capacity as Centre Manager and we are all exceedingly grateful to her for all the work she undertakes in that capacity.

We do not as yet have a replacement full time Secretary which we ideally would like, so if anyone here today would like to be considered for that very fulfilling role please do let us know after the meeting. In the meantime, and in the absence of such, I wish to record my personal thanks to my colleagues Dagmar Reynolds and Ann Page who have shared the job of minutes taking during the year and also to my colleague James Lawson who has undertaken the preparation of all necessary requirements for this meeting.

We are also grateful to Martin Kaitcer, our Treasurer, for looking after our finances so well, and to Keith, our Caretaker, who is to be commended for the care he takes in ensuring that the site is well-presented and attractive to users.

One very important matter I am delighted to report on is the success we have had, in conjunction with our friends at Leeds Bridge Club, in bringing pressure to bear on the Council, after much effort and many, many emails, to reinstate the double yellow lines on Stonegate Road, thus hopefully reducing the significant and unnecessary danger to all users of the Centre in exiting the site. Some weeks ago we were told that there was an 8 week timeline for this work to be carried out and that period should expire hopefully in about one month's time. Thanks, in particular, to the Bridge Club's chair Helen Dickinson for her invaluable support in this process.

It's important to remember: enjoying bowls, bridge, table tennis or snooker is only possible because MASSC exists. Without people stepping up to help run the centre, none of these activities can continue, so we are very hoping that additional trustees from all the sections will come forward to enable us to spread the ever-increasing workload more widely.

Thank you. Peter Williams.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MASSC AGM - 18th OCTOBER 2026 Year-End Accounts

Brays completed their examination of the accounts for the 12 months to 31/03/2026. These confirmed a deficit of £688 compared with a deficit of £158 in the previous year.

Expenditure increased to £70.3k compared to £67.8k in the previous year. Light & heating costs were higher due to increased energy costs. Wages & National Insurance costs were 1.3k higher due to the increase in the minimum wage and salary.

Maintenance were £2k lower mainly due to gardening & tree felling costs. Business rates were higher due to an allowance not being given as in the previous year, and the current year's rates being paid in March with no prepayment being made.

Our Water Rates look very low, due to inaccurate estimates by Yorkshire Water. There was over estimate in year to March 2025, which led to an artificially low charge in the following year. A more accurate picture would be a charge of £3.5k for the year.

Insurance costs slightly increased compared with the previous year. Legal fees were higher due to issues trying to sort out the old MASSC charity and Trustees with the Charity Commission.

Income was £2k higher in the year. Hall Hire income was the same as the previous year. There was an increased contribution of £3k from the different sections. Also received was just under £900 in bank interest which was £750 less than the previous year due to a reduction in the interest rate receivable.

Our Balance Sheet at 31/03/2026 was healthy with monies held at the Bank of £45,816, an decrease of £1,000 compared to 12 months earlier.

Now moving to the Current Year.....

The revenue earned from hiring out the hall this current fiscal year to September 2026 is similar to the same period in the previous financial year.

At the start of this current financial year the contribution from the Bridge, Bowls, Table Tennis & Snooker sections was £80 per head. This was an increase of £10 per head from the sections from the previous year.

As costs have increased during the current year, and hall hire revenue is similar to last year, we are having to increase the contributions further from the sections in April 2027 by £5 per head. The new contributions to MASSC from all the sections will be £85 per member.

On Expenditure, the first 6 months of this year has initially shown a decrease of just under £7k compared with the same period in the previous year. This is mostly relating to timing issues, rather than savings & we are expecting expenses for the year to be similar to last year. I envisage the year-end position to be similar to last year.

So, our reserves are in a reasonably healthy position. We started the current financial year on 01/04/2026 with £45,816 in the Bank, and the current bank position is £55,190 as at 30th September 2026, but I expect the current bank balance will reduce at year end.

I would like to thank Keith and Linda for their conscientious efforts during the year, working very hard to improve the physical and financial position of the club. They both work quietly behind the scenes, ensuring that MASSC runs competently. We thank them both for their endeavours.

Thank you, are there any questions

Centre Manager's Report – October 2026

The most difficult job of the year is writing this report & making it sound different to the previous year, as we trundle along year after year with very little changing, so I'll be brief.

Hall Bookings & Parties

Regular hall bookings are going well, have lost the Hindu youth group but replaced them with another Table Tennis Club on Thursday evenings, and added another hour of Pilates.

This time last year we'd held 25 parties over the period April to AGM, this year its 24.

The Bar

I have been managing the bar since Doug Fern became ill last Autumn. Our Barman for the last 20 years retired due to ill health last December, so in the absence of all others, I volunteer for bar duty when needed.

As the years go by, it's noticeable that the customers who hire the hall for evening events are increasingly Muslim, so fewer events hire the bar compared to 10 years ago. However, once or twice a year, last night as it happens, there is an old-fashioned party – where 50 people ordered 257 drinks in 4 hours, & I was run off my feet, selling over £600 and making £280 profit for MASSC – for context we usually sell £200 at the Bowls events.

I would love to recruit and pay bar staff, but other than the two bowls events, I cannot guarantee regular work. If anyone over 18 would like to train as bar staff to help when needed, or better still, if anyone would like a new part-time hobby managing the bar, I will be delighted to hear from them.

Facilities & Maintenance

The bridge section's long awaited drinks area is up and running, so there is there is no longer any demand for hot drinks from the bar.

Members can hardly fail to notice that the land at the front of the site has been cleared following complaints from neighbours. Our battle will be to stop it becoming a dumping ground. The trustees haven't decided what to do with it yet, but if anyone wants a to start an allotment, we are open to offers, or any other suggestions.

The mysterious lumps in the carpet in the bar lounge floor turned out to be heaps of perished underlay, rather than anything more serious. The carpet is still on the list for replacement.

The caretaker's kitchen replacement is still ongoing. Some progress has been made this year, he's due to retire in 4 years - I have some hope it will be finished by then.

I want to commend **Keith, our caretaker**, for the pride he takes in keeping the building clean and for his constant repairs that keep MASSC running smoothly. If anyone has any questions, I'll do my best to answer them.

