

Settle Area Swimming Pool CIO
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Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting
held on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 7.30 pm at the Settle Area Pool.

Present: Trustees: Chris Hirst (Joint Chair), Mike Smith (Joint Chair), Ian Orton (Secretary), Rosie Sanderson (Treasurer), Ian Dryburgh (Vice Chair), Anne Galloway, Elaine Howarth, Jean Littlewood and Ken Larkins.

Pool Manager: Tash Earle **Operations Manager:** Leah Galloway.

Thirteen pool users and supporters.

- 1. Joint Chair's Welcome:** Mike Smith, Joint Chair, welcomed everyone to the 8th Annual General Meeting and invited Chris Hirst, Ian Orton and Rosie Sanderson to carry out the July 200 club draw, which they did.
Carole Hill: The Joint Chair then spoke of Carole Hill's recent death. He described the many qualities Carole had brought to the organisation and asked those present, who were able to do so, to stand in memory of Carole and others who had contributed to the pool and who had died in the past year.
- 2. Apologies: Trustees:** Robin Bates **Volunteers:** Kate Wild and Robert Bellfield.
- 3. Minutes of AGM 18th July 2024:** Proposed by Ian Dryburgh, seconded by Chris Hirst and agreed by the meeting.
- 4. Joint Chair's Report:** Chris Hirst, Joint Chair, gave details of the activities of the pool during 2024/25, outlining the success of the shops, the increase in use of the pool and the growth of gym related activities. Chris gave examples of the role the pool played within the community and thanked staff, trustees and volunteers for the delivery of these achievements.
- 5. Financial Report and approval of the Annual Accounts 2024-25:** Rosie Sanderson, Treasurer, said that the Financial Report and Annual Accounts for 2024-25 had been circulated. Although there was a deficit of £20,488 (this did include accounting depreciation of £38,128) the deficit for the previous year was £113,232 . The Treasurer offered to answer any questions at the end of the meeting. A motion to approve the Financial Report and Annual Accounts for 2024-25 was proposed Chris Hirst, seconded by Anne Galloway and approved by the meeting.
- 6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts:** Proposed by Ian Orton, seconded by Ken Larkins and agreed by the meeting to appoint Walkers Accountants to act as independent examiner for the 2025-26 accounts.
- 7. Retirement of existing trustees:** The Secretary explained that the constitution requires that a third of trustees retire each year and they may be re-elected for up to six years in total. During 2025 the following Trustees retired Cythia Moorhead, Ian Orton and Rosie Sanderson.

8. Appointment of trustees: The following Trustees were elected during 2025 Robin Bates and Jean Littlewood. The Joint Chair explained that Robert Bellfield, a pool volunteer, had indicated he would be prepared to serve as a Trustee. It was agreed that Robert was invited to serve as a Trustee.

9. Election of officers: The following officers were proposed Rosie Sanderson, seconded Ian Orton and agreed by the meeting.

Chris Hirst: Chair

Ian Dryburgh: Vice Chair

Mike Smith: Secretary

Ken Larkins: Treasurer.

The Chair thanked Ian Orton and Rosie Sanderson for all their work as both Friends of the Pool and Trustees of the Settle Area Swimming Pool Charity over a 10-year period.

10. Swimming Pool: Update: Tash Earle, the Centre Manager, gave an update on work of the 29 paid staff plus volunteers, the 4,000 plus users, the growth of the gym and the 24 classes a week. Tash added details of the environmental improvements to the running of the pool and the increasing role of the pool in the community. Ken Larkins added details of the staff hours and the hours of volunteers equated to six full-time members of staff. The Chair thanked Tash, Leah and the team for the achievements during 2024/25.

11. Other Business: A pool user asked if the problems with the chlorine filters were being resolved. Leah Galloway confirmed the unit was due for delivery Friday 18th July 2025 and should be fitted Monday 21st July 2025.

Another pool user asked about the possibility of using the heat from computers to warm the water in the pool. The retiring Treasurer explained she had approached firms who manage this process but the pool was unfortunately too small for such business.

A volunteer at Unit4 asked about name badges, a first aid box and fire extinguishers. Leah Galloway confirmed all were on order.

12. Date of the Next AGM: To be decided by the incoming trustees.