



SKELMANTHORPE CENTRAL BOWLING CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday 21 September 2026 **Start:** 6:00 pm **Finish:** 7:32 pm

Attendees	Beverley Crossland, Liz Johnson, Helen Harries, Maureen Berry, Mandy Kent, Dean Kent, Carol Scaramuzza, Andy McLauchlan, Carolyn Dobson-Hawke, Cerise Booth and Kevin Booth.
Apologies	Georgina Dickinson, Maggie White, Steve Auty and Lauren Littlewood.

1. Sponsorship and Advertising Boards

An update was given on the club's sponsorship programme. The club currently has **16 sponsors**. On the present arrangements, renewals from **1 April 2028** at £100 per board would provide approximately **£1,600 per year** in ongoing sponsorship income. After allowing for expenditure already agreed, including the main entrance, welcome/history signage and associated works, the current sponsorship project was estimated to show approximately **£657 surplus**. Once the outstanding **£300 from Solo's** is received, the estimated surplus would be approximately **£957**. New sponsors discussed included **AV Motors** and **Philpot Financials**, whose boards are being prepared. The committee recorded its appreciation for the substantial support received from **Seamus Lawless / Lawless Civils**, including assistance with benches, planters, flowers, gravel, soil, bins and advertising boards. It was agreed that the two advertising boards already committed should be installed. Further board sales/installations will then be paused until the shelters are in place so that the committee can review the overall appearance and spacing.

2. Exit / Thank You Board

A proposal was considered for a large **10 ft x 5 ft** exit board to complement the existing welcome board. The board will thank visitors and players for coming to Skelmanthorpe Central, wish them a safe journey and say that the club hopes to see them again. The estimated cost is **£250**, to be met from money raised through the sponsorship project rather than general club funds.

Decision: Approved. The design will be incorporated into the overall signage plan.

3. Shelter Project

The committee received an update on the three new shelters. The contractor has advised that the two smaller shelters are being prepared and that the shelters are expected to be installed **before the end of September**, subject to the contractor's work schedule. The advertising-board layout has been designed with the shelter positions in mind. The committee will review the overall appearance once the shelters and the currently committed boards have been installed.

4. Entrance Gates

The committee discussed whether the entrance gates should be changed to navy and white to match the newer club branding or retain a more traditional appearance in keeping with the club's heritage. Following discussion and a vote, it was agreed that the **gates will be black, the lettering gold, the bowls black and the jack gold.**

Decision: Black and gold gate design approved.

5. Cancer Charity Fun Day

A proposal was discussed to hold a club **Cancer Charity Fun Day**, open to members, families, friends and the wider village. The intention is to create an informal community day rather than a formal bowling competition, with simple bowling challenges, refreshments, music and social activities. Money raised on the day would be donated to the chosen cancer charity on behalf of Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club.

Decision: Approved in principle. A suitable date will be arranged.

6. Teams and Leagues for 2027

The committee discussed possible expansion of the club's league programme for 2027. Proposals considered included a **Huddersfield Monday six-man team**, a **second Barnsley Monday Pairs team**, a **Dearne & Don Wednesday team**, a **Barnsley Thursday mixed singles team** and potentially **two teams in the Friday mixed veterans league**. It was reported that additional players have expressed an interest in joining or playing for Skelmanthorpe Central. The committee also discussed registration costs, player availability, holidays, fixture congestion, green maintenance and the effect of league rules on players registered with other clubs. No final decision was taken. Members asked for further time to consider the proposals before committing the club to additional leagues.

Action: 2027 league entries to be reconsidered at the next committee meeting.

7. Winter League Singles and Doubles

Dates were discussed for the Division 10 Winter League knockout competitions. The agreed dates are: **Doubles - Friday 27 November 2026**

Singles - Friday 22 January 2027 The competitions will be available to eligible registered Winter League players and will determine the representatives progressing from Division 10. A separate Winter League players' meeting will be held to discuss team allocations and the detailed arrangements.

Action: Kevin to inform Jeff of the agreed dates so they can be added to the relevant league and club information.

8. Club Team Kit

A proposed club clothing package was presented comprising a **white playing shirt, navy top and lightweight outer top**. A sponsor has offered **£500** towards the first 25 packages. The proposed subsidised price is approximately **£25 per player for all three items**. The garments will carry the Skelmanthorpe Central logo, using navy on white and white on navy as appropriate.

Decision: Approved to proceed. A range of men's and ladies' sizes will be obtained so players can check fitting before orders are finalised.

9. Saturday Winter Roll-Ups

It was proposed that informal Saturday morning roll-ups be introduced during the winter, giving additional bowling opportunities to members, including those not eligible for the over-60s Winter League. The sessions would also be open to non-members. The suggested format is approximately **twice per month**, starting around **10:00-11:00 am** and lasting a couple of hours. A suggested charge of **£3** was discussed, with £2 going to the club and £1 contributing towards prizes. Refreshments would be available. The proposed period is approximately November to February, finishing when the Winter League programme ends.

Decision: Approved in principle. Dates and detailed arrangements to be added to the club diary once confirmed.

10. Greenkeeper Payment and Green Costs

The committee discussed the payment made for greenkeeping and the additional workload created by winter bowling. The current annual payment was stated as approximately **£500**. The committee agreed that the work carried out for the club warranted an increase. It was agreed to pay **£1,000 for the year**, comprising £500 at the usual time and a further £500 following the winter period. The arrangement can then be reviewed in light of the amount of winter work undertaken and the success of the winter programme. An additional **£100** expenditure relating to work/materials for the green was also discussed and accepted.

Decision: The increase to £1,000 was unanimously approved.

11. Electrical Inspection

It was reported that **JT Electrical** is due to attend the club on Friday to inspect the electrical installation and identify any short-term repairs or improvements that may be required.

12. Financial Administration

The committee discussed keeping Winter League income and expenditure clearly identifiable within the club's accounts so that its financial performance can be monitored separately.

13. Next Meetings

A separate **Winter League players' meeting** will take place the following Monday to discuss teams and arrangements. The next full **Committee Meeting** was agreed for **Monday 12 October 2026**, at the same time and venue. The committee will revisit the proposed 2027 league entries at that meeting. The timing of the AGM will also be considered, with committee recommendations to be prepared before matters are presented to the wider membership.

Meeting closed at 7:32 pm.

Prepared from the meeting transcript and condensed to record the principal discussions, decisions and actions.