



Draft Minutes of the AGM for Lingwood Social Club. Meeting held at Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road, Lingwood, NR13 4AZ on Wednesday 4th March at 7:45pm when there were present:

**Social Club Committee:** Tracey Watering, Andy Dunsmore, Amanda Whitehouse

**Lingwood Village Hall Trustees:** Phil Henry, Carl Johnson, Steve D'Souza. Pete Daines

**Staff:** Cherry Whitehouse & Rachel Winterburn

**Members of the public:** Anne Bone, Mike Ingram, Andy Dunsmore, Dave Warrington, Jess Lydka, Jacqui Kirby, Peter Garczynski, Vicky Garczynski, Dave Warrington, Brigette Parnell, Lynn Davis,

**1. Welcome and Apologies** – Paul Archer and Leanne Hunter

**2. Declarations of Interest.** None.

**3. Minutes from last meeting.** Minutes from 2025 AGM accepted.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

In the Absence of Lianne Hunter, Cherry gave the chairman's report reading from the notes Lianne had prepared the notes were as follows;

**"I became chair of whiskin's bar at last years AGM.**

**I have enjoyed my time as chair this past year being involved with the bar & working as a team with Cherry White house Rachel Winterburn the Bar team and bar committee members.**

**Overall the bar is doing well & is up in profits from last year.**

**We had the Huntsman pub open in the village last year which I have found has had some what of an impact on Whiskin's where we have more quiet days when open for business.**

**However this has shown determination from Cherry & Rachel creating events for the bar to keep whiskin's thriving.**

**I believe going forward introducing and offering hot meals of an evening instead of food trucks will help attract more and new customers this will also impact the profits in a positive way.**

**Amongst those events karaoke is by far the most popular seeing the bar at its busiest.**

**Also the winter months has its impact & I look forward to seeing it back to its busy self during the summer months.**

**We have also had changes to largers & ales and with a few adjustments these have proven to be selling well.**

**We maintain our regular customers whose voices speak volumes so taking more on board customers feedback and opinions will help in keeping whiskin's a happy part of the community.**

**We have a great team of bar staff and although we have had some hiccups along the way I feel this can be resolved with some further training for the team.**

**I still believe that a bar team leader would be a good option to work along side the office and having more supervision for staff in the evening & weekends when the office is closed.**

**I would like to thank you for your support whilst being chair & I look forward to seeing whiskin's continue to flourish & be the heart of the community.”**

Jaqui Kirby spoke in favour of the hot food in Whiskins and not food trucks, Cherry said the historically food trucks have been the option as the risk was on the vendor, whereas if we put on the effort for a slow service we are at risk of losing profit on the events. Cherry also mentioned the social club meeting and that this would be perhaps the best forum for this to be brought up.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The report was given by Amanda Whitehouse and was prefaced saying the report was similar to that given in January.

The year ended on a -689.15 loss but this figure is deceptive due to the bar's donations to the hall and the repayment of a £10,000 loan back into the savings. Compared to the loss of over £7,000 in 2024 we can see this year as a positive. Amanda also explained that the bar was on a £10,000 balance limit; anything above goes back into the hall as a further donation. Amanda called the donations necessary and suggested that should the bar reach more than £10,000 the money continue to be used for a contingency for the Village Hall especially in regards to maintenance.

Income was up, and there was savings on stock and wage cost in spite of price rises for stock and increase to minimum wage.

VAT was £18,000 for the year

Events were mostly successful, those that failed to meet the expense were only out by a few pounds. Amanda noted that the events under close management are pulled if the sales are not going as expected or renegotiated.

The report was opened up to questions

Phil asked for acceptance of the Chair report; it was accepted

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**6.** The current committee members: Lianne Hunter, Tracey Watering, Andy Dunsmore and Amanda Whitehouse stood down.

**7.** Phil asked each if they wanted to stand again, to which they agreed. Lianne had already agreed with Phil that she would like to stand as chair again before the meeting. Brigette Parnell also expressed a wish to join the committee, and her application was voted on and agreed.

The last order was to appoint offices;

**Chair - Lianne Hunter**

**Treasurers - Amanda Whitehouse**

**The formal agenda of the meeting was closed and Phil Henry opened to the public forum.**

Anne asked when the Audit for the Village Hall was to be completed, and Cherry replied with a two weeks approximate deadline.

Dave asked why the Whiskins report was separate, and also asked should the AGM be after the audit was completed. Phil said that this was a good suggestion and agreed that this might be a good practice going forward to the AGM of 2027 even if historically the audit was usually done after.

Phil asked for any more questions and closed the public forum as none were asked.

## **8. AOB**

Jaqui brought up the idea of a farmers market with vendors coming on a Saturday morning this is to be revisited at the next Whole Hall Meeting.

Phil wanted to bring the Trustees and Bar committee up to speed on the events of Friday 27th February 2026 about an altercation that broke out around 8:30pm in Whiskins during the monthly Karaoke event and after a Family Quiz. The police attended the scene and an arrest was made. Cherry and Rachel both attended the scene as well. Cherry talked to the police and supplied them with CCTV and information. Rachel gave an account of the events on Phil's invitation. One of the big concerns of the evening was the amount of children on the premises during the time of the altercation and how one child was caught in the middle - to no injury. It was put forward the suggestion of a curfew that had been discussed previously with the proposal of 8:30pm curfew for under 16's.

The Mutli Use games Area (hence forth known as MUGA) was also discussed and the children have found out the code to the Muga, Cherry explained this is about the 10th lock in 5 years that has been put on, sometimes the code is learnt other times it is removed via tools. Cherry explained that we had already been in contact with the parish council and we are working with them to find a solution. Cherry outlined the set up of MUGA for the new Trustees and explained how the lights are turned on and that she has someone coming out to see if we can move the switch point to allow us more control.

Jacqui said that she will attend the next meeting with the Broadland Police to see if we can ask for support in this area.

Pete discussed that bar training in crisis situations might be beneficial - he has a background in security and would be happy to help facilitate something.

The idea of a Curfew was discussed at length, with the concern of what this would mean for private hire and children of hirers. Rachel explained we would alter the conditions of hire that those children could be on site however not in the bar area. It was also suggested that it would be a good idea to check on the license post meeting in regards to safeguarding. Amanda said that the word curfew may not be the best approach to which both Cherry and Rachel agreed, Rachel said that wording would be carefully considered.

Andy expressed concern that Lianne would be needed for the vote, as bar chair but the concern was the timing of the next Live Music event as scheduled for the 13th March and needing something in place for this event. It was put to a vote and the majority voted for a curfew.

**The meeting was brought to a close.**

