

HEDCA

Hardway, Elson & Districts Community Association
Reg Charity No: 1189009

Minutes of HEDCA AGM

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7.30pm

Minutes of the previous AGM

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Gary Jeffery

Seconded: Sylvie Hasson

HMC Chairmans Report

A genuine and sincere thank you was expressed and conveyed to all HEDCA employees, David Eves (Office administrator), Colin Marshall (Caretaker), Lorraine Charley (Cleaner), Rachel Hainey (Bar Manager) and bar staff, for their efforts during the year-end in some instances going above and beyond in their expected duties, the ensuring a very successful year.

This expression of thanks was extended to both committees, Social and HEDCA management, together with additional support from Sylvie Hasson (Vice Chair) during the absence of David in the office, Janice McAulder for overseeing the children's monthly family weekend activities and Gill Hughes for the popular bingo events. To Gary Jeffery and Matt Wagstaff have been instrumental in ensuring and implementing, in some instances in partnership with Lisa of Ellevents, a great social programme for the past 12 months and this is reflected in the year end accounting records and were congratulated and recognised. Outgoing Social Chairman Rich Lewis was also thanked for his leadership, support and involvement during his tenure. Matt was wished every success in his new role as Chairman replacing Rich (who will continue to be part of the social committee).

Lastly recognition and gratitude was expressed of the support of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) Unpaid workers (UPW) team overseen by Supervisor Jason for their hard work and attendance 2025/2026 in ensuring additional support in the upkeep and appearance (inside and out) of HEDCA, thereby saving HEDCA money, effort, energy and time of its members and staff certainly and clearly making a difference to their community.

A major incident as reported in the AGM minutes of 24/6/2025, referring to an incident that took place in December 2023, remained outstanding with HEDCA's insurers. Action to be taken to ascertain update ideally by end of July 26.

National Lottery application submitted and awaiting feedback (outcome could take 12 to 18 months). in view of sum more than £200,000 being requested and dependent upon AGM account availability, which is now available for onward transmission.

Feasibility of the installation of solar panels being placed at HEDCA through Energise South Down, at no cost, initial meeting held 1st July 2026.

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Accountants Report (Profit and Loss reports attached)

Social Club

Mike Clarkson of (Brent King Chartered Accountants) advised this has been a much-improved year for the social club, cost reductions and contingencies were developed and implemented to help for future. The social club team worked together with the HMC committee to improve the overall financial position. The growth of events in the hall, partnership with Ellevents, cost cutting and reviewing suppliers for better deals has had a big impact.

Full copy attached for information.

HMC Accounts

The HMC accounts are still in positive place at present, but HMC led by our Chairman Les are continuing to look at opportunities for grants and reductions in charges to help maintain the funds for the club. Reduction in wages, repair costs and improved preschool costs have all played a part in the improved year end results.

Full copy attached for information.

Social Club Report

Firstly, thank you all for continuing to show your support over the last year.

This year has been tough but due to the cost cutting and reviewing of operating costs we are in a much better position at year end.

It was necessary for us to raise ticket prices earlier in the year. This isn't something we wanted to do, but it was required due to increased costs.

Due to running costs increasing we have been looking for an improved deal with a different brewery; the pool table and juke box have been switched to a new supplier at no cost.

Working with Ellevents has created extra events in the hall and additional revenue for the club, which is reflected in the accounts.

Family fun days have been very successful and well supported, thanks to Janice for managing this. The next one is booked for August and will be in the main hall.

Events for 2026 are booked and now looking at 2027.

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Elections for Social Club Officers Needs amending

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Matt Wagstaff	Ron Jeffery	Rich Lewis
Vice Chair	Vacant		
Secretary	Tina Sisk	Les Heyhoe	Sylvie Hasson
Treasurer	Gary Jeffery	Janice Macaulder	Alison Wagstaff

No objections were raised.

Social Club Committee members

Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Gill Hughes	Gary Jeffery	Matt Wagstaff
Janice Macaulder	Rich Lewis	Gary Jeffery
Rachel Hainey	Rich Lewis	Gary Jeffery
Rich Lewis	Gary Jeffery	Tina Sisk
Colin Marshall	David Eves	Alison Wagstaff
Lisa Joliffe	Matt Wagstaff	Tina Sisk

No objections were raised.

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Elections for HMC Officers

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Les Heyhoe	Alison Wagstaff	Gary Jeffery
Vice Chair	Sylvie Hasson	Les Heyhoe	Gary Jeffery
Secretary	Bev Wyatt	Gary Jeffery	Sylvie Hasson
Treasurer	Lorraine Charley	Matt Wagstaff	Alison Wagstaff

No objections were raised.

HMC Committee members NO changes this year.

Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Alison Wagstaff	David Eves	Sylvie Hasson
Gill Hughes	Sylvie Hasson	Alison Wagstaff

No objections were raised.

All elections agreed.

Proposed by: Alison Wagstaff

Seconded by: Gary Jeffrey.

Any Other Business

Discussion regarding the treasurer position, this was fully clarified by Mike and Les.

Charley raised point on blinds, flooring and carpet following the recent work. Colin to resolve this.

Further volunteer day to be arranged.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

S Hasson
V. Chair
08/07/2026.

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