PRR Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 12th October 2026

North Inch Community Campus

18:30 – 20:30

In Attendance: Clive Bowman, Jo Brinkman, Mark Crawford, Finlay Dale, Maria Dale, Mike Dales, **Paul Hammersley (Chair)**, Liz Johnston, Tom Rhodes, Diane White (Minute Secretary), Charles Woodhead

Apologies:, Jill Garvie, Caroline Hogarth, Richard Ward

Agenda:

1) Speedy updates
    - Membership and Tuesdays
    - Coaching/Training Sessions
    - Accounts
    - Welfare
    - WpC
    - Clothing

2) Safety and Social Media Policy
3) New Website
4) Presentation Evening – **27th February 2027**
5) Coaching and Race Committee
6) AGM
7) AOB
8) DONM

1) **Speedy Updates:**

- **Membership and Tuesdays**

  The Committee noted that club membership currently stands at 187 adult members and 3 junior members. A total of 35 members have renewed following the recent membership fee increase. Members joining in September will have their membership extended to the next renewal period.

  Discussion took place regarding opportunities to recruit additional junior members, including engagement with Strathtay Harriers. The Committee also noted an issue relating to membership renewals through Entry Central. On renewal of membership, the e-card says you are now a member of Entry Central rather than Perth Road Runners. Clive thought this may be to do with a new system put in place by Entry Central, however this does not affect PRR membership.

  Liz has yet to do a Facebook post re meeting at Rodney's Fitness Centre on a Tuesday evening, where runs would start from. This would enable members to change indoors if they wished to beforehand, since there are no changing facilities at Bells. Numbers on a Tuesday night are good. Paul continues to take the slow running group and suggested having a lead for both the slow and faster group. Clive still has plan for social runs in October/November/December, however on tour runs in the dark may be more difficult. Foodbank run was suggested again, Clive will look into this. He also suggested having the Lark in the Dark run after Xmas and the Yahoo .

  Actions:
  - Liz to do Facebook post re starting Tuesday club runs from Rodney Fitness
  - Clive to look into foodbank run pre Xmas

- **Accounts**

  Charlie reported a deficit of approximately £600. This however is mainly due to the accounting being on a cash basis, and there were some significant carry overs from the previous year's accounts. Over the last two years we have generally broken even.

  Significant expenditure during the period included the purchase of:

  - Race clock
  - Public address system
  - Tea urns
  - Closure of road for Brig Bash - £1,400

  There was a contribution from Gift Aid this year, with 3 years of Gift Aid having been claimed this year, which will increase funds. Race income was reported to be approximately £1,000 lower than the previous year.

  The committee noted that Gift Aid issues associated with Entry Central have now been resolved.

  Action - Charlie to circulate updated accounts when available

- **WpC**
  The Winter Parkrun Challenge will run from **21st November 2026 to 13th February 2027**. Five parkruns (4 venues soon to be disclosed and one wildcard) must be completed during this time.

  Members were reminded that Perth Road Runners must be selected as their registered club on the parkrun website in order for participation to count towards the challenge.

- **Race Committee**
  The following race dates were confirmed:

  - **DRR/PRR Mob Match** – 27th February 2027
  - **Tay Ten** – 2nd May 2027
  - **Brig Bash** – 7th July 2027

  Action – Mark to contact David regarding the booking of the Black Watch Café for the Mob Match

  The Committee discussed the resignation of 3 Race Committee members – Duncan Ryan, Claire Douglas and Caroline Duffin. Mark will organise a Facebook post asking if any members interested in volunteering for these roles. Mark is to step down from the main Committee but will remain as Race Director.

  Yahoo entries will open on **1st November 2026**.

- **Clothing**
  No need to order anything. Sales of vests are more popular than tee-shirts.

2) **Safety and Social Media Policy**
The Committee approved the proposed Social Media Policy, recognising the need for clear safeguarding measures and reporting procedures, as required by Scottish Athletics.

It was agreed that control of club Facebook administration rights should remain with the committee. Additional administrator permissions will be granted to Liz.

The Committee also discussed requirements for obtaining parental consent before junior members can appear on club social media platforms.

Actions - Clive to ask Barry to grant Facebook administrator rights to Liz and draft parental consent wording for Jo to review

3) **New Website**
The committee considered proposals for redevelopment of the club website. It was noted that the website is barely functioning and almost prevented proposals for the AGM to be added. It was agreed in principle to outsource the project and give complete management of the website to a third party. It was felt that the club couldn't assume

that there would be the necessary technical expertise to keep a website running. The Club/Committee would only want to be responsible for adding pages etc to the website.

Indicative costs were reported as:

- Website build: approximately **£2,600**
- Annual hosting, maintenance and domain costs: approximately **£1,000 plus VAT**

The Committee stressed the importance of ensuring all current website content is fully backed up before any migration takes place.

Actions:
– Tom will ensure there is a backup, in the form of Word or other documents, before the current website is shut down
- Paul to forward additional possible local website developers to Caroline to get quotes

3) **Presentation Evening – 27th February 2027**
This will take place at the Blackwatch Museum. Jill Garvie is currently in the process of organising.

4) **Coaching and Race Committee**
It was noted that Lorraine and Fiona will step down from coaching duties at the end of the year.

Amy and Richard will continue in coaching roles as well as Clive and Tessa in Assistant Coaching roles, and Lucy when she is available to do this. Clive hopes to take on further training soon to step up to being a fully qualified coach.

The Committee discussed concerns regarding traffic levels at Bertha Park and acknowledged that hill training sessions at that location are likely to cease. Track sessions will however continue to take place on a Wednesday. A suggestion to have a training block of 8 weeks was made, which would be useful to have, particularly in the lead up to an event. Mike also suggested members could use the track for non-coached sessions. Mark advised that Dundee Road Runners do not have a track to train on and could be asked if they wish to attend any club sessions.

The future coaching structure of the club requires further consideration.

The Committee agreed that the contribution of Lorraine and Fiona should be formally recognised at the club presentation evening.

Actions:
- Richard and the coaching team to develop proposals for future coaching arrangement

5) **AGM**

Members were reminded that AGM proposal submissions close on **24th October 2026**.

A special Committee meeting will be held on **16th November 2026** to discuss all submitted motions and proposals.

The Committee discussed a possible constitutional amendment requiring the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to serve as Trustees.

Discussion also took place regarding the Club's races. It was noted that the current arrangement isn't working. Currently there are approximately less than 20 club members in total who may complete Hills Alive, Championship and Summer Series. This reflects a consistent trend year on year of non-engagement by the membership. It was noted that more social events such as the Scavenger Hunt generated considerably more participation. A discussion was held about changes that need to be made to enable the club to meet the aspirations of the membership. It was suggested that a proposal be drafted for presentation at the AGM that would restructure the racing format. The Committee agreed that such action should be tried - better to try and fail rather than let the Club just fizzle out. Caroline Hogarth will draft a proposal regarding changes to the racing agenda.

Actions:
- Mark to draft a formal proposal regarding Trustee appointments for consideration at the AGM
- Caroline to draft changes to the race agenda for the AGM

6) **AOB**

The committee discussed the possibility of introducing additional club records and age-graded awards.

It was agreed that the matter should be revisited at a future Committee meeting.

Actions:
- Mike to publicise the next Glasgow track visit and gauge interest in an evening session
- Committee to revisit proposals relating to additional club records and age-graded awards

7) **DONM**

Monday 16th November 2026 to discuss AGM and proposals**.**