

Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting 3rd February 2026

Attendees.

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Tim Coyne, Jo Beach, Lawrence Arscott, Richard Edmed, Jimmy Webb, Niel Allen, Paul Lawson and Janet Norton.

Apologies.

Bridget Walsh, Ben London, Anthony Hacker, Nick Miller, Niel Hale, Dan Russel

Agenda.

Minutes from the meeting 6th January approved and copy posted on the HSC noticeboard and also on the website.

Matters arising

None

Membership.

LC is completing the list of renewed members details.

Donations to Kells Fund have mostly been by members paying by cash. Many new members do not know the history behind Kell's Fund. An item will be added to the newsletter to explain who Kell was and what the fund can be used for.

Refurbishment.

The lobby area is completed and looks very good.

The kitchen will be finished in time for Friday opening and all agreed it has been completed to a very high standard. The last of the electrical items will be completed on Thursday. The hot cupboard should be delivered this week and should just plug in as it is free standing. Final cost minus the few last minute electrical items will be £19,000. No news regarding Tunbridge Wells Borough Council grant and TC will contact them before the next meeting.

A group of 10 volunteers have agreed to help clean and restock the cupboards eg cleaning cutlery etc.

The community have been very generous with donations from St Margaret's Church £500, Winter warmers £400, Wednesday Afternoon club £200, and the Bridge Club £200. All of these donations paid for the new water boiler and the new cooker.

What's next? An area of damp has been found in the snooker room cupboard which needs rectifying and the main stopcock which needs replacing.

All agreed that some of the old heavy blue stacking chairs could be disposed of but to keep sufficient to be able to seat 75 people at any one event.

Then the toilets will be refurbished to complete the works.

Action TC will start to obtain quotes for both of these projects and hope to apply for a grant.

Upcoming events and Rugby

All England games in the Rugby 6 Nations will be shown. This weekend the club will open on Saturday to screen the Italy v Scotland game as well. Toasted sandwiches will be available. Bar staff available but more needed to cover shifts fully.

"Timeless" booked, 14th February. Reggae Night booked, 14th March. Both of these events are free to members. £5 non members. Over 16yrs only.

AGM date and New Committee

The HSC AGM will be held on 20th March 2026 at 8.00pm.

AH standing down. Marie Rogan has volunteered to join the committee.

A question was raised about the secretary role. Currently BW is listed as HSC Club Secretary, JB manages the club bookings etc and holds the secretarial email and JN is the committee minutes secretary.

Action. LA will look into the details of the HSC Constitution and the role of Club Secretary.

Treasurer's report (sent in advance of the meeting by NM)

- Current account balance £47,418.84
- Saving account balance £19,773.51
- Kell's fund £2090.82

Payments of note outside the norm

- £240.00 HPA for VAT review
- £6280.00 – Steve Johnson – lobby and snooker room works
- £228.94 – Nisbets (toaster)
- £1650.00 Metric Flooring
- £639.00 – plastering works
- £551.99 – JJ Martin Catering
- £3534 – Adexa (appliances)
- £603.92 – Nisbets (water boiler)

Sales

- £8664.20 – Cash/card combined.

Costs of goods sold

- £5430.79

Annual accounts for 2025 – all in hand with HPA, NM has asked that these be available by the end of Feb to allow time for committee approval and to be made available to members ahead of the AGM.

Children in the club

Due to recent issues with children and a young baby being brought to the club on Friday evenings a decision was agreed that a note would be added to the newsletter stating that children were only permitted to be with parents or carers but must leave by 7.30 pm on Friday evenings. Children in the club must be properly supervised at all times.

Cleaning

HSC has regular cleaners once a week but was proposed that an additional 2hrs be paid for the toilets and floors to be cleaned again on a Friday after the clubs and organisations activities. All agreed.

It was also agreed that quarterly a deep clean be carried out with help from volunteers.

Bar Staff

Still slots to be filled particularly the late shifts. Both Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday as well are becoming very busy. Two people may be needed on each Sunday as well in future.

AOB

New till. To start using it this weekend. BL still to finalise grouping of items on the screen but this won't prevent it being used.

Due to a Government increase on tax duty for alcohol on 1st February prices will have to be adjusted on all alcoholic drinks this weekend.

Note. Due to The Sugar Tax, cans of ordinary Coke will cost more than the diet varieties.

Action. NA to compile the new price list.

RE. Hovec were informed of our decision last month not to provide the bar for the Hovec Summer Festival this year. They were saddened by our decision but have approached The Halfway House who have agreed to provide this year's bar. HSC will remain open during that weekend but to strictly members only. Hovec have been asked to return the box of new plastic beer glasses which have the HSC logo as these will be required for the Horsmonden Dog show in April and our Beer Festival.

Date of the HSC Beer Festival confirmed 18th July 2026.

Date of next meeting 3rd March 7.45 pm.