

Chairman:  
Duncan Brown  
87 Windmill Road  
Herne Bay  
Kent  
CT6 7DE  
email: duncankentpetanque@gmail.com



Secretary:  
Tim Edwins  
57 Cobsdene  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA12 5JB  
email: tim.edwins@icloud.com

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1 Apologies for absence: Tim Edwins, Alex Spillett and Mark Toulson

2 Present: Carolyn Edwins, Alan Creegen, David Baxter, Peter Shillinglaw & Jamie Finley.  
Duncan Brown joined the meeting at 7.48pm having been unavoidably delayed in traffic

3 No matters arising from previous meeting on September 25 which are not on the agenda here

4 Treasurer's Report – David presented documents of accounts he had finalised ready for the AGM. The picture was better than expected and close to breaking even. This was largely because there was no expenditure for Champion of Champion events.

5 KPA membership fee regional precept - in the light of 4 David proposed no increase which was AGREED.

6 Possible new venue – Cliftonville, Margate

Duncan reported he had visited the site which was overgrown but has the potential to have 16-20 pistes. An East Kent team plays there currently with 3 pistes which they are planning to develop next year to maybe 7 and then a total of 16-20 in 2027. The lighting is poor but there is street parking and a local café. The Committee agreed with Duncan that the location is at the extreme of the region, but it makes sense to explore the potential. The Committee AGREED to a site meeting in February – March 2026 which Duncan will advise his contact Steve and set up a meeting between the club and Committee members.

7 Format of Kent qualifying series and Rules - There was a lengthy discussion on whether teams can be a 3 or compulsory 4 (certainly in Championship). It was AGREED TO DEFER a decision until the next meeting. Carolyn confirmed the PC liked the format of the Qualifying series and overall opinion was favourable, so this was AGREED for 2026. Duncan explained in some detail an email he had received from a new player representing Kent this year. Duncan had responded to points the player had raised and Duncan is also considering again the idea of an Introduction Pack.

8 and 9 are topics reported and discussed in detail at the previous meeting and logged in the minutes.

10 Increasing participation at Kent events - No new ideas were suggested although Carolyn suggested an Open Doubles or Triples event at the beginning of the season for teams in Division 2 and below. Melees were put forward again as a way to team up beginners and experienced players. This format is working well at the Friday doubles events at Hartley where there is now a regular core of players between 16-22 doubles. It was agreed that MC and PC members talking to players to encourage participation is also key.

11 Use of KPA website and Facebook - It was agreed that players are made aware of events, which are often circulated to club secretaries, but if players are uncertain about details they are to be encouraged to contact the organiser on the flyer. The website remains very popular especially with regular updates on news – Tim to circulate Danny's feedback to the MC.

12 Kent Youth Development Officer - Duncan advised the MC that Jamie is stepping down as YDO. Duncan thanked him for all his time, efforts and commitment over the years. The PC have discussed a way forward with a named YDO supported by 3 or 4 experienced players. This will be revisited at the next MC.

13 Date of next meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 confirmed.

14 AOB

In response to an email from Peter Fisher (Duke of Welly) it was agreed that Tim will be asked to post an item prior to the Regionals to help players understand the event and welcome questions to increase participation.

Tim will also be asked to produce a monthly bulletin of events scheduled again to raise awareness for FB and the website.