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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions, Hoping you all are keeping well and dry enough to get out and about - just keep those wellies handy!

January is a very quiet month in the Lion calendar but nevertheless lots going on behind the scenes particularly for Fun Day where lots of preparation is required ahead of the event to ensure all legal as well as health and safety aspects are covered.

Spike has updated our colourful Easter Poster ready for our Egg Hunt and Bonnet competition on Easter Monday. The first preparation meeting was held for the Dog Show to be held in September. Thank you Jon for chairing.

A cheque of £1650 was presented by myself- along with other lions from within our zone to the Wessex MS Therapy Centre. The money was raised to enable them to purchase a portable oxygen concentrator. There are 6 adults in Bradford on Avon with MS. Rose Eliot is the manager who made us all so welcome with fresh sandwiches and cake. A very positive happy atmosphere there for clients and visitors alike with a drop in for lunch every Wednesday and Friday. This centre relies totally on donations - so our cheque was very well received.
Thank you to you all for your fundraising efforts over the past few months/years as collectively this is just one of the things we were able to achieve with our joint efforts.

Bye for now and I hope to have more details of up-and-coming events very soon. Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for February Meeting – Hilary, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.
Present
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026.
For Action or Decision: Trustees
Treasurer
Community Services
Fun Day
Fund Raising
Social
Correspondence
Any Other Relevant Business

MINUTES

1. Minutes of a meeting of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Monday 19th January 2026.
2. Attendance. There were 14 members present.
3. Apologies. Lions Bob F. Pete, Brian C, Ron and Janie.
4. Guest. None.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 17th November 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.
a) 6a – Benches, ongoing, nearly there! The town council are now accepting orders for benches for siting in various areas of the town. The meeting decided to buy one bench at £1200 to which will be fitted a plaque or plaques in memory of past presidents, Tony Mundy, Chris Penny, Tony Elliott, Malcolm Tillion and Ian Tappenden. **Action Phil.**
b) 9a – Therapy Dog, this action is terminated until we hear further from recipient.
c) 9b – Christchurch School, this action is terminated until we hear again from the school.
d) 7b – Treasurer, possible transfer of accounts, ongoing. **See Treasurer's report.**
e) 9a – Wiltshire Scouts, ongoing to be considered at next Community Services Committee meeting.
f) 90 – St Laurence School, see Community Services report.
g) 12b – Future Charters, see Social report.

7. Trustees meeting, matters arising.
a) 7b – Inspecs, ongoing, **Action Mike.**
b) 7c – Pegasus, ongoing, Mark said he has approached Steve Vicks International but they have turned us down. He has also approached AB Dynamics and Ashford Homes but is still waiting a reply from both companies. **Action Mark.**
c) Membership – Mike said he knows of two people who are interested in knowing more about the club. Mike will continue to report. **Action Mike.**
d) Fun day, reference Pimms, meeting to be organised. **Action Keith.**

8. Treasurer.
a) Admin account £390 + £40 still to be added, Charity/Activities account £10,736.
b) All half yearly dues have been paid, sadly, we have lost Trish Cole as a member. We now have a membership of 19.
c) Mark said that Lloyds Bank have recognised the club as a charity but we will still have costs of around £70 per year to pay for their services. After a short discussion it was agreed to stay with Lloyds Bank.

9. Community Services.
a) Westwood with Iford School, donation of £200 approved to buy poly tunnels.
b) Holt Village Hall, donation of £160 approved to buy a new cover for the defibrillator.
c) St Laurence School Sports Department, donation of £1000 approved to buy badminton racquets and a table tennis table.
d) Bobcats U13s football team tour, ongoing, waiting for more information.
e) Medic Alert, donation of £100 approved.
f) Water Aid, donation of £500 approved. Judith to alter the budget to show the new donation. **Action Judith.**
g) Brian brought to the meeting's attention how much we have recently given away and warned about carefully watching the budget. The meeting agreed that, for greater control, it would be prudent to extend the budget over 18 months rather than 12 months as at present. It was also

agreed that we should warn any organisation that the donation offer will only be open for three months and after that, if the offer has not been concluded, then the organisation will need to re-apply. **Action Judith to extend the budget to 18 months.**

10. Fun Day.
a) Phil reported that Car Boot pitches are now available to book.
b) Liz asked for information on the car boot to put on social media. **Action Phil and Liz.**

11. Fund Raising.
a) Dog Show, Jon said that the Risk Assessment will be done around June when we have more details of what we will have available.

12. Social.
a) Charter, after a short discussion, it was decided that the Charter 2026 should follow the usual format but without the overheads. It was agreed that the social committee would investigate how best to cut the overheads and report back. **Action Social Committee.**

13. Correspondence. The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.

14. Any other business.
a) Liz suggested that we look at the idea of having decals that would have the club name on it to be fixed to any equipment that is bought through a club donation.

15. Raffle.
a) The raffle was won by Hilary. Janie to arrange to pass the prize on to Hilary.
b) Raffle prize for February meeting, Hilary please.

16. Presentation.
a) A presentation was made to Lion Ken Giles to recognise the service he has made to the club over his 48 years as a member. Lion Keith gave a short speech of his friendship with Ken and the achievements Ken has made during his time as a club member. Ken was club treasurer for six and a half years and president in 2003/4.
b) Lion President Lynn presented Lion Ken with his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (MJF). Lynn said that the MJF was the highest award in the Lions organisation and only the 6th time that the MJF award had been given in the 56 years since the club was formed.

Lion President Lynn closed the meeting at 9-00pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 7th February 2026

The balance on the Admin account is £834.13 (January £1149.44)

Incomings

£200 from HMRC
£190 from Activities account (19*£10) .....ask Phil!
Thank you everyone for the prompt payment of the dues.

Outgoings

£808.84 to Lions International, District and MD

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £10,856.97 (January £10,961.62)

Outgoings

WaterAid £500.00
Holt Parish Council £160.00
School for Poly Tunnel £200.00
Medicalert £150.00
MIAB £140.00
St Laurence School £1000.00 for sports Equipment

Incomings
Lots of bookings for the Fun Day

Just as a PS does everyone know that we pay £85.03 pcm for the garage to store the equipment for the Fun Day. Gazebos, signage, tables and chairs. This equates to £1020.36 per year. That is 2 ½ santa float evenings. Yes…. It's a lot. Does anyone know of any alternatives?? Needs to be dry and accessible. Sensible answers to Keith please.!

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting 2pm 4th Feb at 16 Avonfield Avenue - B on A BA15 1JE

Present: Lynn Ken Mike Janie - Apologies: John Jon

Actions from Last Meeting - All completed

Requests Sorted
1. Wateraid **£500 - paid**
   Westwood with Iford - polytunnels - **£200 - LO'P to check if all details received/paid?**
   Holt Defibrillator cover - **£160 - paid**
   Holt Storage for Youth Club - **£168 - paid**
   St Laurence School - for replacement badminton rackets/table tennis table - **£1,000 - check if paid.**
   Ruth Wilson xmas carers event - completed
   Hub xmas food shopping - completed
   Autistic Child B on Avon urgent request from a mother - this was resolved with a £25 xmas voucher and a Hub donation of a food xmas parcel.

Requests/Donations ongoing
Scout Jamboree - £600 for branded clothing - **Action: to be voted on at next main meeting**
Sightseers - still awaiting BACs details.

New Requests
Readeasy Charity - £180 for the costs - hiring The Town Hall Trowbridge celebration event to be held in April and book tokens for readers/coaches - **to be voted on at next main club meeting.**

Young Carer Project in Bath (may involve young people closer to home) **Still awaiting response**

Bobcats Football Tour to Woolacombe for U13 in May 2026 - suggestion was to sponsor 3 players at £350 or to add to fund - **cost £1050** - After further discussion **£350** - **Action: Janie to email for more information - to be voted on at next club meeting**

Sailing Trip for 4 Scouts - request was for £50 each scout - **£200 - to be voted on at next club meeting**

WHY- A charity called 'We Hear You' needing funds within BANES - this was discussed and declined. **Action: LO'P to email**

Rugby U15s Northampton Tour - They asked for £1,000 - this wasn't a unanimous vote - decision £800-£1,000 - **to be voted on at next club meeting.**

Brownies trip to Weymouth - under 11s. 20 Brownies in pack to go on a PGL in Weymouth for a weekend. The money is to pay for the coach over the weekend **£800 to be voted on at next club meeting.**

SPLASH - Annually we support this charity **£300 to be voted on at next main meeting.**

Julia's House - due to be paid in April from £300 raise to £500 - **to be voted on at next meeting**

Dorothy House - Also to be paid in April - CS committee would like this added to our annual budget as a recurring annual donation of £500 - **To be voted on at next main meeting**

LCIF - February due donation - £500 - to be voted on at next meeting

Future Events

Easter Bonnet/Egg Hunt - Easter Monday April 6th - Culver Close Booked for event - Janie to purchase eggs. LO'P to ask Spike to update Easter poster

Dog Show September - ongoing

CCCC - Church booked by Keith - Discuss in more detail nearer to event.

Young Persons Award - Mike will amend form to be advertised before Easter - with a view to a presentation in July.

AOB

Thank you to Judy for extending the annual budget sheet to cover 18 months.

On the annual budget sheet there is a heading 'Lions Youth Projects' what is this or is this now obsolete?

£100 to the British Legion - how does this get paid? We now have a poppy wreath that we reuse every year.

Message in a Bottle (MIAB) - recent requests from Winsley/B on Avon Surgeries - Ken has plenty of supplies.

Random Acts of Kindness event - to be held at Wiltshire Heights - Tea/Cake - all are invited Tuesday 17th Feb 2.30pm

An invite to a tour at the Independent Living Centre in Semington - offering free and impartial Occupational Therapy. To find out what they do and how they can potentially support some of the people that we help.

Meeting ended 3pm

Next Meeting: 2pm 16 Avonfield Avenue 4th March 2026.

FUN DAY

a) Phil confirmed that he has 190 contacts on his data base for the car boot. We have already had bookings for 56 pitches.

b) Sadly, the steam train rides will not be operating at Fun Day. We are looking for alternatives.

c) We have decided that we will not sell candy floss.

d) We are still investigating whether the sale of Pimm's is worthwhile. We have to work out the

alcohol license and staffing on the day.
e) If we decide to sell Pimm's, we will need an extra card reader. Lloyd's Bank sometimes have offers on card readers.
f) There will be no bric a brac stall on the car boot field this year.
g) The Management Plan and Risk Assessment need updating before we can give copies to Bradford on Avon town council.
h) The Fun Fair and food outlets have booked.

Thanks, Keith.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for February 2026

The Social Committee have made the decision to try another year of separate events for Handover and Charter. We will be having a meeting shortly to make a decision on the costing of Charter. Cumberwell is booked for:
Handover Lunch on Sunday 28th June
Charter Lunch on Sunday 1st November

There will be a Coffee Morning on Friday 27th February – 1030 at the Sweetpea, Weaving Shed in BoA. Hope to see you there.

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2025/26

Payments from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Date	Amount	Recipient
7/25	£1000.00	Dorothy House
7/25	£550.00	Kindwaves
10/25	£500.00	Brain Tumour Research
11/25	£1185.60	Wiltshire Young Musicians
11/25	£1000.00	Winsley Acorn Pre School
11/25	£500.00	BoA Dementia Action Alliance
12/25	£300.00	MS
12/25	£875.00	Christmas Vouchers
12/25	£250.00	The Hub
12/25	£250.00	Carer Support Wiltshire
12/25	£800.00	Christmas Tree
1/26	£500.00	Water Aid
1/26	£160.00	Holt Parish Council
1/26	£200.00	Poly Tunnel for School
1/26	£150.00	Medic Alert
1/26	£140.00	MIAB
1/26	£1000.00	Sports Equipment – St Laurence School

Total **£9360.60**

Club Diary February & March 2026

February	4	Comm Serv Meeting	14.00hrs	Lynn's
	16	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	18	Social Meeting	14.30hrs	Hilary's
	27	Coffee Morning	10.30hrs	Sweetpea
March	4	Comm Serv Meeting	14.00hrs	Lynn's
	16	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

Easter Egg Hunt - 6th April
Trustees Meeting - 15th April
Handover Lunch - 28th June
Charter Lunch - 1st November

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 9th March

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FORECAST 2025/2026

Event	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Young Peoples Award L	100											
Christmas Tree L					800							
Christmas Parcels L						800						
Dementia Support L	500					500						
Sight Savers I					500							
British Legion L					100							
Julia's House L										500		
Lions Youth Projects N		120										
Water Aid I							500					
LCIF I								1000				
Medic Alert I							150					
SPLASH L								300				
Easter Egg Hunt L										300		
Brain Tumour Research N			500									
Dorothy House												500
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	950	1420	2270	2620	4370	6020	7020	8670	9020	10170	10520	11370
Running Total Spent	**1550**	**1550**	**1550**	**2050**	**4736**	**6410**	**7210**	**9360**				
Total Budget Jul 25 to Dec 26		**£ 17,390**			**Total spent up to 7/2/26**				**£ 9,360**			

Event marker: L Local N National I International

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Young Peoples Award L	100					
Christmas Tree L					800	
Christmas Parcels L						800
Dementia Support L	500					500
Sight Savers I					500	
British Legion L					100	
Julia's House L						
Lions Youth Projects N		120				
Water Aid I						
LCIF I						
Medic Alert I						
SPLASH L						
Easter Egg Hunt L						
Brain Tumour Research N			500			
Dorothy House						
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	12320	12790	13640	13990	15740	17390