

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 13th January 2026

Crowshaw Drive

Present: John Hall, Louise Butterworth, Cathie Murphy, Steve Bassam, Debbie Sheen, Mandy Cregg, Ge Kirk, Janine Jordan, Craig Sutherland

Apologies: Jen Laptew

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's Report: Ge opened the meeting and explained that due to the sad loss of Peter she would take the role of Chair as per the constitution.

Correspondence: Temporary Closure of Boggart Hole Clough Track for repair works. It was agreed that Debbie explore alternative venues for the period and liaise with Craig.

Finance: Steve Bassam reported that the finances were healthy, Last year there was a £700 loss whilst this year the club was £2416 up. Steve pointed out that £1000 of this income was in the form of grant from Project Fair Play Sudu. Other income was raised from Club races, and reducing expenditure Eg re-locating the AGM from Middleton Arena to the Ring O Bells. Also members had paid their membership earlier and this had put them in the correct financial year. In addition the club had made money from the presentations. A number of different factors had contributed to give us a higher value.

Welfare: Craig reported that there had been no incidents for the club to report.

Membership: Ge reported We had new members – Paul Band, Rebecca Thomas, Julie Bickershaw, Chun Hin Shum. Katie Lockwood, Spencer Lamb. Membership now stood at 32 Ladies and 38 Men with 14 Life & Social Members. Craig to update WhatsApp and E-Mail List.

C25K 2026: Mandy reported that the C25K course would start on Monday, 11th May (Heaton Park) with the Park Run to take place on Saturday, 11th July. John and Craig to stand in for Mandy on Fri 3rd July.

Road Championship: Salford 10K race cancelled – no licence granted. Agreed that the New Halifax 10K to be added to the race list Sun 5th April Sowerby Bridge.

Fell Championship: Races have been selected and published on our site. Janine pointed out that to participate in Langdale Horseshoe experience is needed of similar races as part of the entry system: 2 medium or long mountainous category A 'non-GPS' fell races in previous 3 years, or similar relevant experience (significant mountain experience.) We need to point this out to our members before the entries opens.

Cross Country: Craig reported that the SELCC was in danger of being wound up or merged with the Red Rose. The situation was that the current Committee were looking to retire from their posts and the league was in need of replacement Officers (Secretary, Treasurer) also the league needed a certified EA Level 2 Official to be able to host the events using a EA licence. Finally the league needed more commitment from other clubs re: Marshals and host races. All these issues would need to be discussed at our AGM to give our reps a clear steer at SELCC AGM.

Middleton Harriers AGM: The date was set for Tuesday, 17th Feb. There will be an election of Officers and all the current Committee members will re-stand. There is a current vacancy for Chair – Steve Bassam will stand. Mandy Cregg will stand as treasurer.

Roll of Honour: No updates.

Club Events: Hopwood Trot – Cathie reported that it was now open for entries 6th Aug. Craig to get alternative quotes from electronic timers for the event.

Eddie's Revenge - Louise reported that it was open for entries but that a Certified 1st Aider was needed to complete the Event Application form for Oldham Council (Landowners & Local Authority.) Wed 24th June.

Club Handicap – Mandy reported that things were progressing. There was a discussion on whether we could re-name the events after Roland Robson and/or Peter Gilligan. It was felt that we couldn't change those races which had already been initiated, but we could review for next year.

Training: Mondays are going well. Wednesdays – Debbie is taking the faster group. Thursday (Fells) a small but steady group of 6-7 people. Friday (track) Martha has now, Craig, Cathie and Mandy to take over and share workload.

1st Aid Courses: John reported that he had costed the course at Giants Seat at £65 per person per day. It was agreed that to applicants pay £50 towards the cost.

Navigation Course: Venue - Hollingworth Lake interest centre, £94 – session (Janine) Date

AOB: Presentation – Craig to send another Club E-mail.

Party for 45th Club anniversary: 18th September – St Herberts Live Band, Potato Pie/Cheese & Onion price £10 Current & Past members welcome– Craig to include in an e-mail.

Next Meeting: 10^h March 19:30 Crowcroft Drive.