

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S TRUST (VBT)

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Minutes of Monthly Viscountess Barrington's Trust meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 9:00 pm In the Vic Day Hall at the Memorial Hall

Trustees (Tr.) present: Bjorn Watson (Chair)
Julia Jones (Vice Chair)
Bob Sheldon
Richard Bartle
Elaine Ware
Richard Page
Nathan Woodhouse
Lucy Brown

In attendance: Liza Whitney (Secretary)
Lyn Frape
8 members of the public

26/01 Apologies for absence

Tr.s Howell, Pearson and Winfield

26/02 Declaration of Interest

None

26/03 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 were signed as a correct record. PROPOSED: Tr. Bartle, SECONDED: Tr. Sheldon and RESOLVED (unanimously).

26/04 Matters arising from last meeting

None.

26/05 Public Representation

None.

26/06 To receive such communications as the person presiding may wish to lay before the meeting

None.

26/07 Chairman's announcements

Difficult few months with Hall Manager absent, thank you to all who volunteered to help open and shut the hall.

26/08 Games Community Hub and Shop in Claridge Room

Tr. Page explained his proposal for a Games Hub and Shop rental in the Claridge Room. It is a cross-age facility with seating for playing games. Tr. Sheldon mentioned that Claridge Room was earmarked for bride and groom to have a brief meeting with the registrar to confirm details before the service. Tr. Ware mentioned the Claridge Room was identified as a wedding room. Tr. Ware suggested to contact Charity Commission as to its rules and wider implications -- PROPOSED: Tr. Watson, SECONDED: Tr. Bartle and RESOLVED: all in favour.

26/09

- a) **Financial matters for October and November.** No issues were raised. PROPOSED: Tte. Sheldon, SECONDED: Tte. Brown, RESOLVED: all in favour.
- b) **Payments for December.** These had been circulated, and no issues were raised. PROPOSED: Tr. Woodhouse, SECONDED: Tr. Brown, RESOLVED: all in favour.
- c) **Receive bookings report.** Bookings report to the end of December was presented.

Bookings to date

Hall: £55,711

Pavilion: £20,087

Rest of the year

Hall: £7,333

Pavilion: £2,343

TOTAL

Hall: £63,044

Pavilion: £22,430

COMBINED TOTAL: £85,474 (It was mentioned that there are no more OCC bookings for Afghan teaching).

26/10 Hall Management Committee (HMC) Report

a) **Pavilion**

There was a break in and police have been informed. The code has been changed.

b) **Playground**

Tr. Winfield in charge of improvements to satisfy RoSPA requirements – Tr. Winfield to report to Hall Management Committee (HMC).

c) **Kitchen**

S106 application refused as need listed building consent. We plan to resubmit so that do not affect the fabric. Quote will be reissued without the appliances included.

Tr. Ware asks if cooker can be fixed meanwhile.

d) **Car Park**

Car park was resurfaced – a success.

26/11 Memorial Tree

Two-year watering duty has been taken on by the Fete Committee. Formal plinth: work in progress: oak with a titanium plaque.

25/12 Centenary Celebration Group (CCG) Report

£314.72 remaining. Tr. Brown collated photos on a display board to show what the group have achieved: we are very grateful. The group has been wound up.

25/13 To receive reports from Trustees attending meetings on behalf of the Trust

None.

25/14 Any other business to be added to next month's agenda

None.

25/15 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4th March 2026

Meeting closed at 21:09

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