

COWAL CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Tuesday Oct. 9th 2026

Present: A. Daw, D. Lawson, A. Whitfield, I. Hillhouse, L. Parramore, S. Barlow, J. Donnelly, G. Spence

Apologies: S. Baldwin, L. MacKay

Minutes of Meeting held September 1st 2026

Minutes were adopted.

Proposed I. Hillhouse, Seconded L. Parramore

Matters Arising

Jim Donnelly raised an issue referencing Adam Heath's proposal for youth engagement which relate to our status as a charity. There is a requirement under the OSCAR regulations which requires all charities to have a child protection policy. The item would be placed on the next meeting agenda and in the interim a more formal proposal will be developed for discussion.

Action: **Andy/Jim**

Treasurer's Report

COWAL CAMERA CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT 09/10/2026

Current Account:	£ 2,329	
Deposit Account:	£ 6,018	
Cash In Hand:	£ 390	Total: £ 8,737

Income:	£ 2,205	
Expenditure:	£ 3,521	Deficit: £ 1,316

Income: updates

Total Subscriptions – 23 members £ 1,035

Total Evening Donations - £ 388

Expenditure updates

Projector, Screen and set-up - £ 1,418 (£1,289 / £99 / £30)

Additional Law Cottage expenses - £338 (Plans Report, formal Loan Discharge fee

Speakers - £ 86

Lorraine Parramore.

Treasurer

09/10/2026

Additional Club Activities

The issue of additional club activities to fill the gap left by no longer having the use of the Castle Street clubrooms was discussed.

The club has to pay for a full month where a Zoom presentation is on the syllabus and to make the most of this it was agreed to pilot a Zoom night where recently taken images (based on a pre-determined theme) would be presented by the author for friendly, non-competitive discussion.

This could be a monthly event and themes could be selected by a nominated member each time.

It was suggested that the committee should present a 'demonstration' of the concept in the first instance on Thursday 1st November.

The opportunity would also be taken to elicit ideas from members of other 'Zoom' night topics that could be tackled such as editing images etc.

Action: **Lorraine/Committee**

Archiving of Club Images/Documents

It was agreed that the need for the club to keep copies of members competition images beyond a period of 5 years was not necessary.

Financial documentation in paper form would be held by the Treasurer for the requisite legal time frame.

Other documentation such as minutes would be held in digital format under the management of the Club Secretary. It was recognised that a full history of Minutes was not readily available and David would attempt to produce an initial list of minutes indicating where there are gaps which might be filled from other members home records.

Action: **David/Sybil**

AOB

SPF- Artificial Intelligence Guidance

Isabella had received a copy of quite detailed guidance on what the SPF regarded as acceptable use of AI technology in modern editing software. Details would be posted on the club website with a pop-up reminder for members to review the changes.

Action: **Isabella/David**

Clyde Camera Club

Following last meeting there had been discussions and it was agreed that Clyde could be considered for inclusion in the Simpson Trophy for the 2027/28 year. In meantime an inter club competition would be arranged for 3rd November 2026.

Action: **Isabella/Andy/Lorraine**

Next Meeting

27th November 2026 – 7.30pm Community Shed