

Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA)
Minutes - Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Wed 9th July 2025 - Holy Trinity, Hotwell Road, Bristol

Present

Rachel McNally (Chair), Julian Brown (Treasurer), Carol Walton, Sandra Fryer, Helen Johnson, HCCA members and guests

Previous Minutes

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and asked for the Minutes of the 2024 AGM to be approved. The minutes were duly approved.

Chair's Report for Year Ended 31st March 2025

[Full report here](#)

The Chair presented the Chair's Report for the year ended 31st March 2025, which included updates on:

Events – 11 community events held

Western Harbour – HCCA was a member of the WH Advisory Group and submitted comments and concerns, details of which are available on the website.

Community Climate Action Plan – led by Anna Haydock-Wilson; survey and engagement events in support of Bristol's aim to achieve net zero by 2030.

Groups & Projects – The Chair gave examples of projects hosted / facilitated by HCCA and welcomed new projects.

Community Lottery – Important funding for HCCA; looking to recruit new members.

Volunteers – Examples of support provided and thanks to volunteers including Heather Anne, Damian Rooney, Caroline Grazebrook.

Appointment of Management Committee

The Chair announced that the following management committee members have agreed to continue their tenure: Rachel McNally, Julian Brown, Carol Walton, Sandra Fryer;

A new member has agreed to stand: Helen Johnson of Spike Island Community Association, a sister organisation to HCCA.

The following members resigned: Sibusiso Tshabalala, Heather Anne,

The Chair invited members to approve the membership of the Management Committee, and this was duly approved.

Getting Involved

The Chair invited members to engage with HCCA and gave an overview of ways to get involved:

- Cumberland Piazza – join the group maintaining this community space
- Community Climate Action Plan – sign up for newsletters via the website
- Western Harbour Group – monitoring and sharing updates on developments
- WhatsApp – forwarding HCCA messages to community groups
- Notice board and leaflet drop-offs
- Community Lottery
- Attend events / spread the word

Treasurer's Report

[Full report here](#)

Accounts

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Designated Reserves Fund stands at £11,000. Community Lottery is an important source of funding. Last year's lottery win of £150 has not yet been claimed. This year's winning number is 58 – the winner has been contacted and is invited to get in touch to claim.

Members were invited to approve the Annual Report & Accounts for year ended 31st March 2025, and they were duly approved.

Update on Jacobs Wells Baths – Jude Hutchen, Trinity Community Arts

Jude Hutchen gave an update on how the restoration is progressing, and details of upcoming events – copy of presentation available / attached.

Funding sources: Heritage lottery, Community Ownership Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund
Last round £250k, next round will be bigger.

Upcoming events:

- Bristol Open Doors / Heritage Open Days Festival: 20-21st Sep
- Docks Heritage Weekend: 4-5th Oct

Q&A about access to the venue, future tours, funding.

For more info, contact: Jude@trinitybristol.org.uk

Update on Community Events

Beckie Reid gave an update on Open Air Cinema events held at The Lion Playpark Cliftonwood

Friday evening 5th September 2025

Ask: raise awareness and promote the event, distribute leaflets, share details on website.

Invitation to local young filmmakers with PG films to get in touch to screen films before the main event.

Update on Community Issues – Cllr Patrick McAllister

The Chair gave a brief update on the following issues and invited Cllr McAllister to provide more details:

Speed limit reduction to 20mph on Hotwell Road – The Chair invited members to vote on whether they support this measure, with significant majority in favour. Cllr McAllister has been speaking with Transport Officers about making Hotwell Road a 20mph zone, west of Merchant Rd to the bottom of Jacob Wells Rd.

Pedestrian crossing near the Pump House – HCCA has been campaigning for years; this will soon be introduced.

Baltic Wharf Caravan Park Development

Concerns were raised about the following in relation to Baltic Wharf Caravan Park:

- The developers are seeking to remove the 40% affordable housing condition, citing technicalities in obtaining the grant funding that will help deliver that affordable housing.
- Accredited sources put the market value of the land at over £12m, but it is being sold for £1.3m.
- Use of public funds for construction costs; financial viability; loss of biodiversity; flood risk.

Cllr McAllister stated that he is in discussion with planning officers to better understand the mechanisms being proposed and to ensure guarantees are in place for the affordable housing commitment, and agreed to meet with community representatives to discuss in more detail.

Members interested in updates were invited to contact Helen Johnson

helen@spikeislandcommunity.org.uk

Close and Live Music

The Chair thanked everyone again for their attendance and invited them to enjoy refreshments, and music from pianist Rebecca Nash and saxophonist Alex Merritt.