



Darwen Dashers Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 8 April 2025

Attendees: Andy Haworth (Chairman), Sarah Marsden (President), Heather Turner (Secretary), Diane Dudgeon (Welfare Officer), Ian Thomson (Treasurer), Rick Marsden (Road Captain),

Apologies: Gareth Davies (Fell Captain).

Chair opened meeting at 830pm, quorum achieved.

1. Actions from Last Meeting and AGM

- Darwen Half Marathon Planning & Funding

- Aware of early planning for next year's event and the benefits this will bring.

Action by 14/4/25: Rick to set dates based on London Marathon 2026. Dates to be set by next week.

- Lloyds Monthly Bank Charges

- Review current charges and discuss any necessary action.

Action by next committee: Ian to review and report.

- Constitution to be updated before next meeting.

Action by next committee: Heather to update and share with Andy for approval and signature.

Action by next committee: Heather to manage Google Drive and share links with Andy.

- Club Calendar (Social events)

- Parkrun Dash & Breakfast.

- Heather to gather suggestions from members for future social events (Debbie to finalize the handover).

Action by next committee: Sarah to liaise with Jez and Elaine for advance dates, which Andy will then add onto the calendar website.

Action by next committee: Heather to share form with members to gather ideas for social events.

- Support for Improvers from Beginners Graduation

- Discussed ways to support and encourage members moving up from the Beginners group.

Action (Carry forward to discuss in June.)

2. Christmas Run & Presentation Arrangements

- Discussion of Christmas Run on one Saturday in December, followed by presentation at Sunnyhurst pub.

Action (Carry Forward to discuss in May.)

3. Committee Officials & Handover Status

- Club Secretary – Complete.
- Welfare Officer – In progress.
- Club Treasurer – In progress.

Action by next committee: Heather to update roles on EA website.

Action by next committee: Diane to complete handover and to update email on EA portal.

Action by next committee: Ian to gain access to Lloyds account.

4. Darwen Half Marathon (DHM)

- Successful event – great feedback!
- New Subcommittee to stand (same subcommittee to organise Tough 10k).
- Discussion of Tough 10k for later in the year.

Action by next committee: Darwen Half Marathon subcommittee to still stand and the same committee will stand for Tough 10k, Sarah to update on WhatsApp group.

Action by next committee: subcommittee to evaluate DHM event and report back.

Action by next committee: Initiate DHM 2026 (and tough 10K after consideration).

5. Welfare Report

- Waiting on completing EA training and DBS process, and once set up Diane is looking forward to getting more involved and having a larger presence especially on Social Media Platforms.
- Discussion on Volunteering being great for your wellbeing; and the Local Junior Park run always needs Volunteers and Diane will be organising a Darwen Dasher Junior Park run takeover.

6. Treasurer Report

- Still in process of completing the handover from previous Treasurer
- Lloyds details have been updated but still waiting for login details
- Club funds are solid but to start exploring fundraisers which will link with social events for the year.

7. Members feedback

- Feedback received regarding one of the club fell races.

Action by next committee: Andy to liaise an outcome with Ian Asher.

8. Any Other Business

(Open floor for additional topics.)

- Preparation for Tough 10k Race to begin.
- Discussed left over goodie bags from DHM, which can be used for Jnr Park Run.
- Social Media accounts, the club to gain access to the Instagram account.
- Fell Group – Promote and announce the club run on Darwen Dashers Facebook.
- “Friendly Face” – Proposal for a page on the website to help new members when coming to club nights for the first time. An idea for a “friendly face” to show on the Darwen Dashers website, so there is a representative for each running group (or close enough.)

Action by next committee: Andy to keep chocolate from goodie bags which can be used at Darwen

Dashers takeover at Jnr Park Run.

Action by next committee: message members regarding club nights and promoting runs.

Next committee meeting Tuesday 13th May

Chair closed the meeting 9.45pm