



Isle of Avalon Amateur Radio Club AGM

16th October 2026

Overview

Chairman's Address and Club Direction

- ⑩ Apology for last AGM, We commit to learn from mistakes and move forward
- ⑩ Goal: reduce social focus, increase radio activity to attract new members
- ⑩ There is a concern that newcomers feel intimidated by the current single-room setup
- ⑩ Proposed three-room layout:
- ⑩ Dedicated radio shack
- ⑩ Social area (current space)
- ⑩ Workshop in storage container
- ⑩ Display area planned where old shack was: radios on show for visitors
- ⑩ "Buddy system" proposed for new members, one-to-one introductions to the hobby
- ⑩ Roles for all members regardless of mobility or license status
- ⑩ Gary (no amateur license) to lead the CB/Free Radio section
- ⑩ Club explicitly open to non-licensed members

Facility Updates

- ⑩ Building gutted, repainted, ceiling repaired, all leaks fixed
- ⑩ New floor in progress: plywood down, vinyl still to come
- ⑩ Hut usable from next Friday; chairs can be stacked in the meantime
- ⑩ Coax feeds still in place, temporary radio setup possible during transition
- ⑩ Toilet situation flagged as a significant deterrent to new members, especially women
- ⑩ Chemical toilet ruled out: no nearby disposal point
- ⑩ Composting toilet with on-site pit under consideration, more expensive but practical
- ⑩ Held off due to container repositioning works
- ⑩ New freight container planned as dedicated radio room
- ⑩ Metal bench framework already delivered and in storage

- ⑩ Six cubicles planned: HF1, HF2, Free Radio, VHF/UHF, DX, Vertical FM, Satellites
- ⑩ Worktops to be 25mm plywood, need a large saw bench to cut to length

AGM: Committee Elections

All existing committee members stood down; new committee elected:

- ⑩ Chair: Chaz
- ⑩ Vice Chair: Matt
- ⑩ Secretary: Mike
- ⑩ Treasurer: Mike
- ⑩ Ways and Means (odds and sods): Petra
- ⑩ Honorary Life President: Matt (proposed by Chaz, passed unanimously)
- ⑩ Position justified as Matt is the landlord with casting vote on site matters

Constitution Review

- ⑩ Draft revised constitution circulated at the meeting
- ⑩ Key proposed changes:
 - ⑩ Executive Committee limited to administrative affairs
 - ⑩ New separate Technical Committee for technical direction
 - ⑩ Co-option clause to be added to both committees
 - ⑩ Quorum for EGM to be defined as three committee members (not a membership percentage)
- ⑩ Webmaster (Richard) to be formally elected to Executive Committee at EGM
- ⑩ Under current constitution, EGM requires 28 days' notice
- ⑩ Draft reduces some notice periods (21 days for AGM, 14 days for constitution amendments)
- ⑩ Process: PDF to be emailed to all members, starting the 28-day notice clock for EGM
- ⑩ Membership currently managed via secretary's Filofax (GDPR-compliant by design)
- ⑩ Groups.io to be closed down; email list to replace it

Next Steps

- ⑩ **Email constitution PDF to all members (Chaz/Matt)**

Starts the 28-day notice period for the EGM; Matt to distribute once received from Chaz.

- ⑩ **Collect updated email addresses from all members**

Cross-check against existing Groups.io list in case anyone has changed address.

- ⑩ **Amend constitution draft before recirculation**

Add co-option clause to Technical Committee (section 7); clarify EGM quorum as three committee members.

- ⑩ **Source a large saw bench for cutting 25mm plywood worktops**

Metal bench framework already in storage; can't order timber until cutting is arranged.

- ⑩ **Contact Eleanor about amateur radio exam and GDPR consent (John)**

Get her permission to add her to the membership list and encourage her to resume exam prep.

Minutes

Attendees – Matt M9MIM, Ed M7EVM, John G8VZA, Dave M3MYM, Stuart G0AQA, Mike 2E0RWW, Chaz G6UVO, Petra M7PAH,

Apologies – None

Explanation for AGM –

Matt apologised for the previous attempt at an AGM of Friday 28th August 2026. Lessons will be learned and improvements made

The Club will move forward, with no childish behaviour and an improvement on teamwork.

The club is grateful for the facilities provided by Matt, as they are unique and extensive. With improvements being made to the social area, by moving the shack to its own dedicated container. As well as having a workshop and storage container.

We as a club do need to grow our membership, so the above mentioned improvements have been drawn up by Chaz, G6UVO, but are developing all the time. We as a club have also been very social based, whereas we don't want to lose this, we also need to move into being more activity based with a social element.

Minutes from the previous AGM –

As this meeting is intended to replace the last, no minutes were read out as its ambiguous as to which meeting was canonically the last.

Moving Forward -

Next Friday, the Hut intended for social use will be available for use. Although the renovations are not yet finished, it has been completed enough to allow limited use.

Where the shack was located, it is now proposed that this area could be a museum type display.

We should also look at recruiting a younger demographic as none of us are getting younger.

John, G8VZA, raised the issue of a lack of toilet facilities and pointed out that a chemical toilet is only around £50.

The point is agreed that a toilet is a priority. However when we tried to tackle this in the past, the disposal of waste became an issue. The caravan park around the corner, had been asked if we can use their disposal system and the answer was a no.

As a result, we are looking into a composting toilet system. But this will require planning.

Ed, M7EVM, asked if the membership are able to be involved when the committee makes decisions.

The club is setting up a Technical Committee, designed to make decisions about undertakings and its operational activities.

The Executive Committee is solely responsible for the running of the club. A new constitution is being written for this to be able to take effect and will be proposed at an EGM to be called in accordance with the current Constitution.

This will enable people to take on roles within the club for example, running a section dedicated to license free communications.

Ed, M7EVM, then asked if we could have an engineering display in the museum area of the Social building.

This was agreed upon.

Election of new club officers –

Stuart, G0AQA, as someone who didn't intend to stand for a role chaired this section of the meeting.

All current officers stood down.

Roles available;

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Ways and Means

Chaz, G6UVO was Nominated and seconded by Stuart, G0AQA, for Chair, Voted in

Matt, M9MIM, was nominated and seconded by Stuart, G0AQA. A discussion was had as a position for club president was going to be held for Matt, M9MIM, to step into, but that was in AOB. It was decided that members could hold more than one office. Matt, M9MIM, was voted in.

Mike, 2E0RWW, Was nominated for Secretary, Seconded by Stuart, G0AQA, Voted in.

It was proposed that the role of treasurer as in name only due to few if any funds are handled by the club, should be linked to the future President role. Mike, 2E0RWW, then volunteered to take on the role. Seconded by Stuart, G0AQA, and Mike, 2E0RWW, was voted in.

Mike, 2E0RWW, Nominated Petra, M7PAH, for the role of Ways and Means, seconded by Stuart, G0AQA. Voted in.

New officers of the Isle of Avalon Amateur Radio Club are as follows;

Chair – Chaz, G6UVO

Vice Chair – Matt, M9MIM

Secretary – Mike, 2E0RWW

Treasurer – Mike, 2E0RWW

Ways and Means – Petra, M7PAH

Stuart, G0AQA, then stood down and Chaz, G6UVO, took position of chair of meeting.

Any Other Business –

Chaz, G6UVO, issued a draft of a new version of the club constitution and asked that all present look through and then we will hold an EGM in order to ratify it.

Mike, 2E0RWW, asked if we had a copy of the old one to compare it to, but it was then mentioned that it was on the website.

A short pause occurred to allow those present to pore over the document briefly.

Quorums for EGMs were discussed and it was agreed to keep it at three.

Then the option for co-option was discussed with reference for the tech committee, Chaz, G6UVO, will add this in.

Matt, M9MIM, interjected just to mention that due to GDPR the groups.io system will be closing. And Membership will now be done through direct emails.

Mike, 2E0RWW, said he would collect a list of emails from those present after closure of the meeting (he then forgot, and neglected to do this. It will happen in the future)

John, G8VZA, was asked to contact Eleanor via email to ask if her email address could be passed onto the exec committee.

Richard, G7LEE, is currently a volunteer running our website, however, it is felt that this position should be made official and given the title of webmaster. This position will be ratified at the future AGM as this falls under the new constitution.

Chaz, G6UVO, gave a brief over view of the plans for the new layout of our buildings. And explained that positions will be available for members to take ownership of specific sections.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Ed, M7EVM, for accommodating this AGM. As Club facilities are currently unusable.