



Location: Zoom meeting

Present - Committee	Present – Club Members
David Lindop - Treasurer Loretta Smith – Vice chair/Membership Taufiq Es Haq – New Media Lisa Knill – BAC & GCCF representative Jo Counsell-Grant – BAC representative Pamela Cross Malgorzata Skuza	Gerry Smith Linda Vousden Mike Vousden Julia Craig McFeely Helen Shave Julian Counsell-Grant

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1) The meeting was chaired by Loretta Smith in the absence of Ulla Korterman, she delivered the Chairman’s Welcome and introduced current serving Committee members	
2) Apologies for Absence Ulla Korterman, Christina Gordon, Lorraine Philips, Neil and Natalie Borman, Sandy Boden	
3) Minutes of last AGM held 5 th May 2024 were proposed by Pamela Cross, seconded by David Lindop and unanimously accepted	
4) Matters arising No matters arising	
5) Chairman’s report – submitted by Ulla Korterman The Tonkinese Cat Club remains active and committed – especially in the areas of Welfare and Adoption. The Club has found safe and loving homes for a number of Tonks and helped offer advice and support for those who have experienced behavioural and emotional difficulties with their Tonks. Those involved in fostering, helping with transport or simply spreading the word, your efforts have truly made a difference. In December 2024 TonkiNews, our bumper 51-page magazine was posted out to all members. The feedback was very positive. In 2025 TonkiNews will become a digital publication, with newsletters and blogs shared through our new website, which hopefully will be launched this summer. This is very much in line with what other publications are doing. For TCC, the shift means substantial savings on rising print and postage costs, while still delivering the same high-quality content our members enjoy. Our generous annual giveaway continues, something we do to thank our members and encourage renewals. The 2025 draw has taken place, and the winner will be announced in our newsletter in May. Thanks was given to the Tonkinese Breed Club for their ongoing support, friendship and collaboration. The two clubs share a common purpose – to promote the health and welfare of the Tonkinese breed. Thanks were given to all TCC members for their continued support for the club which is here to engage with members who reach out with any questions about their Tonks.	

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<p>6) Treasurer's report</p> <p>a) Membership income remained healthy at £667.31 for the year.</p> <p>Please note that some fees were paid in advance (prior to 2024), while others received during the year cover future periods due to multi year plans. For this reason, the membership 'return' figures submitted to GCCF may not exactly match, but all records are fully consistent and accurate.</p> <p>b) We also received £335.50 in donations and £900 linked to rehoming activity. Many thanks to those who contributed and supported the club.</p> <p>c) Expenditure for the year totalled £1,356.47. This covered TonkiNews printing and postage, website costs, Zoom meetings, direct rehoming related expenses, and banking and PayPal fees. The switch from HSBC to NatWest in July helped reduce banking charges for the year.</p> <p>d) This resulted in a surplus of £597.75, with total cash held at year end of £6,882.52.</p> <p>e) While we are in a strong financial position, it is worth noting that unexpected rehoming cases can lead to significant one-off costs, particularly when veterinary care is required.</p> <p>f) Although no club show was held in 2024, our current funds are sufficient should we wish to support or host events in the future.</p> <p>g) TCC is in a good position financially and can use funds available for welfare. Although no show is planned, we have funds providing we can get people engaged.</p> <p>The motion to approve the accounts was proposed and seconded and unanimously accepted by those attending.</p>	
<p>7) Membership Secretary's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income received in 2024 for Memberships: £667.31 • Income allocated for 2024 Memberships: £594.00 • Total voting members 106 • Of which: 64 single members 21 joint members (42 votes) • Membership Income for 2025 as at 21st April 2025 is £604 <p>We have observed a slight shift away from joint membership and longer term membership, possibly due to the cost-of-living crisis, but overall, our base is buoyant and we continue to benefit from breeder 'new kitten' owner introductions and welfare adoption members.</p> <p>Linda Vousden and Julia Craig McFeely endorsed the problems in attracting longer term memberships and that there was little benefit for clubs or members and that many clubs simply offer a 5 year membership as the longest offer. TCC to consider 5yr maximum membership.</p>	Loretta

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<p>8) Welfare & Rescue Officer's report – submitted by Ulla Korterman</p> <p>2024 was a busy and emotional year for the club's welfare work. As Welfare Officer, I have supported owners through some incredibly difficult decisions, often driven by life changing circumstances, health issues or ageing cats.</p> <p>Our focus has always been on offering practical help, alongside emotional reassurance and it's been heartening to see so many successful outcomes. In many cases lasting friendships have been forged between previous and new owners, with updates continuing long after rehoming.</p> <p>I would like to extend my thanks to Christina Gordon for her help in identifying new families and to Allegra Loch for her invaluable help and advice and support on welfare cases.</p> <p>Welfare cases from April 2024 were uploaded online and are reproduced below.</p> <p>Adoption & Welfare Case: Hester & Minky – April 2024 The Club was contacted by the owner of two 13-year-old female Tonkinese cats, Hester and Minky, seeking advice on rehoming due to toileting issues and the challenges of managing a household with a crawling toddler. Advice was given on possible causes of Feline Inappropriate Elimination (FIE), and a vet check was recommended, although this was not confirmed.</p> <p>By Easter 2024, the owner made the difficult decision to rehome both cats. A loving retirement home was found with a kind, retired couple, who had recently lost their own Tonkinese. It turned out that Hester required urgent veterinary care shortly after arrival due to severe constipation. With the support of the Club and costs covered by Agria insurance (with the excess paid by the Club), she recovered well and settled in alongside Minky.</p> <p>Sadly, in February 2025, Hester passed away from a sudden and aggressive form of cancer affecting her eye, leaving her new owners heartbroken. The Club provided advice and emotional support throughout and also sent a condolence card and a personalised snuggle blanket for Minky.</p> <p>Minky continues to do well and has stepped up to offer comfort and companionship.</p> <p>Welfare Case: Souki, Taboo & Nova - May 2024 We were contacted in early May 2024 by a member whose elderly Tonkinese, Souki (15), had developed sudden neurological symptoms, including loss of balance and seizures. The owner was understandably very distressed and reached out for urgent welfare advice. Souki was also under veterinary care during this time, and the club's support was focused on guiding the owner through her options and helping her feel confident that Souki was receiving the best possible care and treatment.</p> <p>Sadly, Souki passed away at the end of May. The owner had recently reserved a new Tonkinese kitten, Nova, to join her home as a companion for her other senior cat, Taboo (17). The transition was emotionally difficult, coming so soon after Souki's loss. We continued to offer support throughout the grieving process and the early days of Nova's arrival. This case highlights the importance of our welfare support and reassurance through times of grief.</p> <p>Welfare Case: Otto & Arlo - June 2024 In June 2024, the club was contacted about two 5.5-year-old Tonkinese brothers, Otto and Arlo, who had been exhibiting ongoing inter-cat aggression since adolescence. Despite periods of affection, their fighting had become more frequent and severe, resulting in multiple vet visits. Otto also developed stress-related spraying behaviour, further escalating tension in the home.</p> <p>The owner reached out for support and advice, as rehoming Otto was being considered with great reluctance. The club worked closely with the owner and her vet to identify sources of stress and implement changes. Otto was prescribed calming medication and is now monitored regularly. We are pleased to report that both cats remain in the home, and the situation has greatly improved with continued support and commitment from the owner.</p> <p>Update – 21.04.25: The owner reports that both cats are doing well, with only the occasional spat. Otto is continuing his medication and has a follow-up vet visit scheduled for further blood and urine tests. Arlo has been seen spraying on a couple of occasions, but it is now infrequent and manageable. The owner expressed gratitude for the club's support, describing it as "a godsend."</p> <p>Adoption: Obi & Aggie – August 2024 In August 2024, the Club was contacted by a dedicated and loving owner seeking a new home for her 4-year-old Tonkinese siblings, Obi and Aggie. Wanting the pair to have more space and access to a garden, she made the difficult decision to rehome them. The Club successfully matched the cats with David and Jo, who provided a wonderful new home. They continue to update both the Club and the previous owner with regular photos and news of Obi and Aggie settling in beautifully.</p> <p>Adoption: Coco – December 2024 The Club was contacted by an owner who, due to unforeseen circumstances, needed to find a new home for her 6-year-old Tonkinese boy, Coco. He was healthy, up to date with all his checks, and insured with Agria.</p> <p>We were able to match him with a lovely, retired couple who had plenty of experience with cats, including a Tonkinese in the family before. Their quiet countryside cottage, with a large garden and no other pets or children, made it the perfect fit. The handover went smoothly, and the Club has remained in touch to offer any support needed as he settles into his new home. The Club and previous owner continues to get regular updates about Coco's new adventures.</p>	
<p>9) Show update – submitted by Ulla Korterman</p> <p>As reported at our AGM last year, we cancelled our Show in 2024 due to the threat of low entry numbers, rising costs and time commitment involved. We were faced with a similar decision this year but had discussed the idea of organising a 'Tonkinese Flash Mob' in Section 5 at the Cambridgeshire Cat Show in Ware on 29th March 2025.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Tonkinese Breed Club we got together 17 Tonks on show and had a wonderful display of the breed. We also held in-house judging at the show with qualified</p>	

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<p>Tonkinese judges. It was a great success, and we hope to build on that momentum going forward, together with the TBC.</p> <p>Linda Vousden proposed thanks to Julia Craig McFeely as the driving force behind the show's success and greatly enhanced by the number of cats she brought. Julia felt Malgorzata also brought a number of cats and new people to show.</p> <p>Loretta said that TCC were very thankful for her role and contribution to the show. TBC may try another 'Flash Mob', possibly Bracknell, given the catchment area for Tonk owners. Julia highlighted the lack of risk and costs, yet the show felt like a club show.</p>	
<p>10) Election of Chair and Committee members</p> <p>a) Election of Chair</p> <p>Ulla Korterman is standing down and is willing to be re-elected.</p> <p>b) Election of Committee:</p> <p>Loretta Smith, Lisa Knill and Lorraine Philips are standing down in rotation and are willing to stand again.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>c) The membership voted unanimously to accept the Committee members.</p>	
<p>d) Date of next AGM yet to be agreed.</p>	
<p>11) Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was debated whether a midweek, evening AGM might be easier, given people's weekend commitments. Gerry Smith commented that Thursday was to be avoided, and perhaps to avoid a 7:30pm start if the meeting looks long, as noted by other committees. All eyes will be on TBC AGM on 7th May as they trial this. • Linda Vousden conveyed congratulations to everyone in welfare and rescue as breed clubs often don't have this, but that TCC and TBC do a good job. 	
<p>The Meeting closed at 11:36am.</p>	