

PONTBLYDDYN CRICKET CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

28th APRIL 2025

1. PRESENT Ian Cowling, Nick Thomas, Ian Hampton, Roger Eltham, Ruth Jones, Anna Andrewes, Yvonne Hampton, Dave Evans, Nick Jones, Richard Davison.

2. APOLOGIES Sharon Jones, Rhys Jones.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 31st MARCH 2025. Proposed: Yvonne Hampton; Seconded: Anna Andrewes; Accepted.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- **Sponsorship** – Richard updating the sponsorship document and looking at various sponsorship packages. **Action Richard to update.**
Update 3rd Mar: Draft document circulated for comment.
Update 31st March: Feedback provided. Ongoing.
Update 28th April: Various sponsorship options discussed. Richard finalising the sponsorship documentation.
- The crown of the tree which is on the cricket pitch needs to be checked and any dead branches removed.
Action: Nick J to contact Miranda and see if the estate can do this work.
Update 27th Jan: Ongoing. Plan for the estate to carry out the work when removing trees in the car park.
Update 28th April: Ongoing. Tree surgeon should be felling the car park trees on 30th April.
- **Overseas Player**
Option of signing an overseas player has been discounted, due to issues with accommodation and costs. The option favoured is to sign 1 or 2 overseas students, currently studying in Liverpool. They would not be available to help with coaching and suggestion was that we would pay them £100 each per match they play, to cover travelling expenses.
Action: Ian H to check and confirm Home Office, ECB and NWCL league regulations regarding Overseas students.
Update 27th Jan: Checking ECB and League rules, confirmed that overseas students cannot receive any financial payment including travelling expenses when playing in the UK. Copies of the visa's, passports and university course details received via Rhys and provided to the league to confirm eligibility. Despite several chases to the league secretary, no response received, therefore email League Chair, Lucy Norman.
Update 3rd Mar: Reply received from the league explaining that the 2 students have not been resident in the UK long enough to be registered as Cat 1 players, but we can sign 1 of the students as a Class 3 player. Therefore agreed to register Vishwa Manawaduge. Should ECB update the residency rules for overseas students, then we may be able to sign the second player.

Action: Ian H to submit paperwork to the league.

Update 31st March: All paperwork submitted to the league and Vishwa registered.
Action: Vishwa to complete Club membership form and club to register player on Play Cricket.
Update 28th April: Vishwa registered on Play-Cricket. Needs to complete membership form.

5. CLUB SAFEGUARDING

Reminder that before the season starts all Coaches, Captains and Vice-Captains to have DBS clearance and Safe Hands training in place. Also, other members of the club committee to have completed their Safe Hands training.
Action: Yvonne to contact Cricket Wales re: issues with accessing Safe Hands training.

6. CORRESPONDANCE

- NWCL email re: Minutes from management meeting of 17th Feb 2025.
- NWCL email re: Captains and Coaches compliance – replied to Tony Moss.
- NWCL email re: Junior coaches CPD course on 16th April.
- NWCL email re: Junior fixtures.
- NWCL email re: 3rd XI fixture swap with Northop. We now play Northop at home on Sun 27th April.
- NWCL email re: Confirmation that Vishwa can be registered to play for Pontblyddyn.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) Finance

Total balance £9,043.07

Ethan and Neil McGukin to send copies of their Coaching Course invoice, so they can be reimbursed.

(ii) Senior Cricket

- Season started, but both 1st and 2nd XI teams not as strong as Captains would like. First 2 games lost.
- Village Knockout 1st Round match at Northop rearranged for Sun 4th May.
- 3rd XI league commenced.

(iii) Junior Cricket

- Junior league starts 4th May.
- All Stars starting middle of the month and numbers very encouraging.
- Under 13's struggling for players and may not be able to fulfil all fixtures unless we get new players.
- Combined girls' team with Denbigh Cricket Club will play in the North Wales league.

(iv) Ladies Cricket

- Outdoor nets commenced.

(v) Ground Report

- No problems or issues reported.

(vi) Clubhouse

- Good start to the season including Friday night.
- 2 new members of bar staff have started.
- Need more volunteers to run the BBQ on Friday nights.
- Church Duck Race arranged for Mon 4th May
- Delta Fire maintained the Fire Alarm system.

(vii) Fundraising

- Nothing to report.
- Dave Evans volunteered to ask his partner if she would have time to help with completing grant applications.

(viii) Membership

- Total of 68 members now joined. Some people have completed a membership form but not paid.

8. CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Cricket Nets - Main and mobile nets need some refurbishment during the winter.

Action: Ian H to contact Total-Play for a quote for new batting curtains and a quote to refurbish the mat, which has depressions at both ends.

Update 2nd Dec: Quote received from Total Play. £2,578.25 inc VAT. Meeting agreed to go ahead with the work, but schedule for early April. A SportWales grant application has been submitted to cover this cost and the cost of the new Verticutter. Waiting to hear the outcome.

£468 received from Penryffordd Community Council towards the project.

Action: Ian H to contact Total Play.

Update 27th Jan: Confirmed work with Total Play, who will advise of start dates once the Batting Curtains are in stock. Total Play have also confirmed that they will replace the bracket at the rear of the nets which forms part of the tensioning.

Update 3rd Mar: Waiting on Total Play to confirm start date.

Update 28th April: Total Play commenced work today, Mon 28th April.

9. AOB

- Anna asked if fixtures not published on Play-Cricket to be forwarded, so bar cover can be arranged.
- Dave Evans asked if a grass practice wicket could be prepared. Roger said this maybe possible, using the the wicket at the river side of the square.
- Senior players asked if the 1st XI scorer could be paid £25 per game. Meeting agreed to the request.
- Nick Thomas asked if more use of Social Media to advertise games, results, etc could be made.

Meeting closed at 9.00.

Date of next meetings: Mon 2nd June 2025.