

PONTBLYDDYN CRICKET CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

31st MARCH 2025

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

2. APOLOGIES Sharon Jones, Richard Davidson, Nick Jones, Rhys Jones.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2025. Proposed: Nick Thomas; 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.
- 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 3rd Mar: Ongoing.
- **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.

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.

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 £6,917.00
£750 received for advertising boards.

£1532 received so far, from the sponsored walk up Snowdon. Thanks to Rhys for arranging this event.
£200 received from the Police and Community Trust. Thanks to Dave Evans for applying for this funding.
Noted that Howden's have not taken the first insurance payment (£269.70), though they have confirmed that our policy has been renewed.

(ii) Senior Cricket

- Indoor nets finished,
- New Senior players signed for 2025 season – Vishwa Manawaduge, Cayo Jones, Ben Mason.
- Seniors to play in coloured kit and order placed for kit. Additional kit for Woody, Phil Davies, Visha and spare kit to be ordered. Seniors asked if the club would fund this kit, cost £635. Meeting agreed in principle to purchase the kit, but Ian C to discuss with Nick Jones and check club finances, before final decision taken.

(iii) Junior Cricket

- U9 and U11 teams entered in the indoor leagues.
- Indoor nets finished, but with variable numbers. Need to book a venue earlier for next winter and review how many weeks training to run for.
- Outdoor nets to start on Fri 4th April.

(iv) Ladies Cricket

- Indoor nets finished.

(v) Ground Report

- Outfield and Wicket cut. Ground dry and no issues with preparation for the new season.
- Nick Thomas to arrange working party, for side screens, covers, etc.

(vi) Clubhouse

Interviewing for new bar staff. Hopeful that 1 new member of staff found.
Need more volunteers to run the BBQ on Friday nights.

(vii) Fundraising

- Nothing to report.

(viii) Membership

- Low numbers have renewed their membership. Some people have completed a membership form but not paid.

8. CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Car Park – Discussion with Hartsheath Estate about expanding the club car park, which will also allow better access for the new business based in the Fferm. Plan is to cut down some of the tress and to level the car park with hard core. Hertsheath have asked if the club would clear the undergrowth and brambles. The aim is to have the work completed before the start of next season.

Action: Nick J to discuss with Phil Pearce removal of undergrowth.

Update 3rd Mar: Ongoing

Update 31st March: Phil has discussed the work with Miranda and greed next steps. Meeting agreed action closed.

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 Penyffordd 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 31st March: Ongoing

9. AOB

1. Julie Jones has asked if she can hold a regular Marie Curie meeting at the club on a Wednesday morning, once per month. All agreed that we are in favour.
2. Nick Thomas has been approached by local autism charity, Your Space. To see if we would be interested in a presentation catered for a cricketing audience. Meeting agreed that the club would not be interested at this time, but suggest he contacts the NWCL and see if a meeting for all junior coaches could be arranged.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date of next meetings: Mon 28th April 2025.