

PONTBLYDDYN CRICKET CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

4th August 2025

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

2. APOLOGIES Sharon Jones, Yvonne Hampton, Ruth Jones, Anna Andrewes, Dafydd Roberts, Rhys Jones.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 2025. Proposed: Nick Jones; Seconded: Roger Eltham; Accepted.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Update 4th Aug: Ongoing.

Junior Playing Kit: Discussed juniors playing in coloured kit next season. Need to look in more detail and discuss at future meetings.

Action: Further discussion required including how to fund coloured kit.

Update 7th July: Agreed to move to coloured playing kit from 2026 season. Senior's kit will continue to be bought from ICON for a further year but look at Macron or Queensferry Sports for junior kit.

Action: Nick J to obtain prices for junior kit.

Update 4th Aug: Ongoing

Richard agreed to arrange a Fundraising meeting on a Friday night and ask for any volunteers who would be willing to help.

Action: Richard to arrange.

Update 7th July: Initial meeting held. Ongoing.

Update 4th Aug: Ongoing.

- **Footbridge** – Dafydd suggested that the bridge woodwork needs treating/weather proofing prior to the winter.

Action: Dafydd to look at options for treating the bridge and make necessary arrangements.

Update 4th Aug: Ongoing. Dafydd arranged for a firm to visit and provide a quote.

- **Sunflower Rent Presentation** – suggested 2 dates for the presentation of the club's rent to Hartsheath, 7th or 13th Sept.

Action: Nick J to contact Miranda Dechazel

Update 4th Aug: Arranged for Fri 12th Sept. Prizes for the best sunflower, suggested an ICON voucher for first prize and Richard to look at other prizes.

- **Presentation Night** to be held on Sun 5th Oct.

Update 4th Aug: Rearranged for Sun 19th Oct.

- **Overhead projector** not working, suspect HDMI cable faulty.

Action: Nick J investigating.

Update 4th Aug: Ongoing.

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.

Update 7th July: Ongoing, some people having issues with access. Ian H to resend link.

Update 4th Aug: Ongoing

6. CORRESPONDANCE

- NWCL email re: concussion guidelines and requirements for clubs.
- Cricket Wales email re: FAW discussions on moving junior football season to play during the summer and requesting junior parents to respond.
- NWCL email re: Northop Hall Ladies withdrawing from the North Wales league.
- Cricket Wales email re: Coaching courses for Winter 2025/26.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) Finance

Total balance £11,410.00

Bar takings are up by. £3,800 from this time last year.

(ii) Senior Cricket

- 1st XI – player availability is still an issue. The juniors playing in the team are doing very well and after a couple of wins, team is now mid-table.
Vishwa scored his first 100 for the club on Sat 2nd Aug.
- 2nd XI – very young team and are struggling in Div 2. Juniors are improving as the season progresses. There are only 3 2nd XI teams in the division and all struggling.
- 3rd XI – very young team but performing very well despite have only won 1 game out of the 9 played.

(iii) Junior Cricket

- Hard season for all teams, with the U11's struggling for numbers and have conceded 4 games so far. Nick T has been contacted by the league to explain reason for conceding.
- Similar problems for u13's and U15's, but no games conceded.
- Shortage of coaches still an issue. Matt Holt offered to help, need to arrange DBS and Safe hands training. Rhys will also help when shifts allow.
- Nick concerned that may struggle for U15's next season, due to the number of players who will no longer be eligible.
- Girls junior team may also be needed for next season for Premier and League 1 clubs.

(iv) Ladies Cricket

- Ladies season now finished.
- Season and training on Friday nights going well with performances improving from last season.

(v) Ground Report

- With improvements in the weather Roger confirmed that he will be able to prepare sufficient wickets for the remainder of the season.
- Problem with the outfield mower, which has been temporarily repaired, but will need anew blades. Roger has obtained a quote, and all agreed to go ahead with repair.
- The chain on the small mower snapped, but has been repaired.

(vi) Clubhouse

- Bar very busy and doing well this season.

(vii) Fundraising

- Richard had shared a plan for holding a Funday at the club. Meeting discussed and agreed that this was an excellent idea and should be supported. Given the amount of work and planning required, meeting agreed that it would be better to arrange a Funday for July 2026 and that should be added to future meeting agenda from Nov 2025.

Action: Ian H to include in agenda for November's meeting.

- Grant applications to Toyota and Flintshire Local Voluntary Council have been submitted. If successful these will be used towards funding the purchase of a Verticutter

Action: Ian H to monitor progress of the grant applications.

Update 4th Aug: FLVC application has been successful and they have awarded the club £500 towards the Verticutter.

Toyota grant to be confirmed if the club are eligible, having received match funding for the sponsored walk that Rhys collected for.

Richard provided a quick update on further plans including:

Having a fundraising target with priorities, for all members to view.

New scoreboard sponsor

Planning more events, including a band night and sponsors evening.

(viii) Membership

- 83 now joined the club, with having paid their membership in full.
- Ben Mason has paid £10 to date but needs to pay fees for the other games played. Also needs to complete a membership form.

8. CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

9. AOB

- Fencing – Roger has obtained some quotes from Thorncliffe's and Moreton & Jones. Meeting agreed to continue looking at other options including using small gravel boards and picket fencing.
Action: Roger to look at other options.
- Changing rooms – doors being left open and unlocked. Nick J to remind captains and ask bar staff to check before leaving. Also noted that changing rooms are not always being left tidy after games.
- Scorebox iPad interface – needs to be repaired or replaced. Nick Pearn is looking at help from Toyota towards the cost.
Action: Nick J talking with Nick P about arranging repair.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meetings: Mon 8th Sept 2025.