

**PONTBLYDDYN CRICKET CLUB**

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**

**1. PRESENT** Ian Cowling, Nick Thomas, Ian Hampton, Roger Eltham, Ruth Jones, Nick Jones, Anna Andrewes, Daffydd Roberts.

**2. APOLOGIES** Sharon Jones, Yvonne Hampton, Richard Davison, Dave Evans, Rhys Jones.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 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 7<sup>th</sup> July:** 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Initial meeting held. Ongoing.

Development grants announced by SportWales. If a project can be identified, need to raise an "expression of interest" by 9<sup>th</sup> July. Ideas discussed including replacing boundary fences and clubhouse refurbishment.

**Action:** Ian H to contact SportWales to see if boundary fencing/clubhouse refurbs are covered by the new round of grants.

**Update 7<sup>th</sup> July:** SportWales confirmed that the new round of grants do not cover projects for ground improvements or clubhouse refurbishments. They suggest that the Club investigates at Crowd Funding options.

**Action closed.**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Ongoing, some people having issues with access. Ian H to resend link.

**6. CORRESPONDANCE**

- NWCL email re: Minutes from management meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- NWCL email re: end of season ground requirements – Roger replied with our loam requirements.
- Various emails re: FLVC and Toyota grants.

**7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(i) Finance**

Total balance £10,440.00

Includes Toyota match funding Of £690.

MAVIC agreed to sponsor the club for 2025, for £2,000. Awaiting money to be paid in.

New Sponsorship board sold for £500. Money not yet received.

Bar takings are up by approx. £3,000 from this time last year.

**(ii) Senior Cricket**

- 1<sup>st</sup> XI – player availability is still an issue. The juniors playing in the team are doing very well.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – very young team and are struggling in Div 2. Juniors are improving as the season progresses. There are only 3 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams in the division and all struggling.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – very young team but performing very well despite have only won 1 game out of the 9 played.

**(iii) Junior Cricket**

- Junior league started. All teams doing well, but U13's struggling for numbers.
- 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.
- All Stars running well with 16 children signed up. Second Adult required to assist Nick T.
- Combined girls' team with Denbigh Cricket Club will playing in the North Wales league.

**(iv) Ladies Cricket**

- Season started and won first games.
- Season and training on Friday nights going well with performances improving from last season.

**(v) Ground Report**

- Struggling to repair wickets, as seed not germination.
- Wicket very dry and requiring watering, but struggling to find time to water, due to number of games being played on grass wickets.

**(vi) Clubhouse**

- Bar very busy and doing well this season.
  - Bar Printer faulty and printer replaced.
  - Overhead projector not working, suspect HDMI cable faulty.
- Action: Nick J investigating.**

**(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.**

**(viii) Membership**

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

**8. CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

**9. SUCCESSION PLANNING**

- Ian C explained to the meeting that he would be stepping away as Club Chair prior to the AGM.
- Nick J has agreed to cover as Chair until the AGM and is willing to stand for Chair at the next AGM in November 2025.
- Ian C explained that Dafydd Roberts is willing to stand for vice-chair at the AGM in November, serving for 3 years and with the plan stand as Chair in 2028.
- Ian H will step down as Club Secretary at this years AGM, hopefully working with any volunteer for the position in the next couple of months.
- Yvonne also confirmed that she plans to step down from her role as Club Welfare Officer at the AGM, but will continue until her replacement is able to attend the relevant CWO training. Vikki Pearn has indicated that she is willing to take on the role.
- Ian C proposed that Francesca Pleavin joins the management committee, prior to the AGM. Meeting agreed with this proposal.
- Nick J offered his thanks to both Ian C, Ian H and Yvonne for all their hard work supporting the club.

#### **10. AOB**

- **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.**
- Sunflower Rent Presentation – suggested 2 dates for the presentation of the club's rent to Hartsheath, 7<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- **Action: Nick J to contact Miranda Dechazel**
- Presentation Night to be held on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Meeting closed** at 9.15pm.

**Date of next meetings:** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025.