

PONTBLYDDYN CRICKET CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

8th September 2025

1. PRESENT Ian Cowling, Nick Thomas, Ian Hampton, Roger Eltham, Nick Jones, Dave Evans, Richard Davison, Ruth Jones, Anna Andrewes, Dafydd Roberts, Fran Pleavin.

2. APOLOGIES Sharon Jones, Yvonne Hampton.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4th AUGUST 2025. Proposed: Nick Thomas; Seconded: Dave Evans; 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 8th Sept: 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 8th Sept: Ongoing. Noted that MAVIC have still not paid their sponsorship money for this year, so meeting agreed we should look at other options for 2026 and with enough time to order kit with new sponsor's name. Fran offered to contact Crime Prevention Services to enquire if they would be interested in becoming our main sponsor for next year.

- **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.

Update 8th Sept: Quotes received from 2 companies for the work. Quote from MK Enterprises in Llanrwst covered £1,200 to prepare the bridge plus £1,020 to treat the woodwork. Second quote from a local company to cover both preparation and treatment is £550, though we would need to provide scaffolding and jetwash the bridge to remove any rubbish.

Meeting agreed that we should go with the second quote.

Action: Nick J to make necessary arrangements.

- Overhead projector not working, suspect HDMI cable faulty.

Action: Nick J investigating.

Update 8th Sept: Ongoing.

- 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.

Update 8th Sept: Ongoing. Best quote that Roger has obtained is for £2,633 to install 6inch gravel boards and wooden picket fences. Other options include using plastic fencing and Phil Pearce is making further enquiries.

- 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.

Update 8th Sept: 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 Sept: Ongoing. Couse details to be forwarded to Fran and Dafydd to complete.

6. CORRESPONDANCE

- NWCL email re: juniors playing senior cricket to remind senior players at all levels to behave appropriately towards junior players playing senior cricket.
- NWCL email re: League meeting minutes on 23rd June 27th July.
- Cricket Wales email re: Coaching courses for Winter 2025/26.
- Cricket Wales email re: new Cricket Wales Safeguarding lead, Chloe Stephenson.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) Finance

Total balance £11,446.00

ECB loan paid for this quarter (£706.50)

League payments, covering balls, loam, etc increased from £120 to £200 per month.

Club turnover for the financial year 2024/25 has increased by £4,823 compared with 2023/24.

(ii) Senior Cricket

- 1st XI – player availability greatly improved in last month, with some good results and team now in 7th place in Div 1.
- 2nd XI – very young team and are struggling in Div 2. Relegation to Div 3 confirmed but hopefully if we retain most of the younger players, then next season could be the right level for the younger players to kick-on.
- 3rd XI – very young team but performing very well.

(iii) Junior Cricket

- Hard season for all teams, with the U11's struggling for numbers and have conceded 4 games so far.
- 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 players next season with the number of juniors in the club, apart from U9's and could struggle to field 3 hardball teams.

(iv) Ladies Cricket

- Ladies season now finished but some friendly fixtures played.
- Season and training on Friday nights going well with performances improving from last season.

(v) Ground Report

- No issues to report.
- Square renovation work planned for after 28th Sept, to accommodate dads n lads.

(vi) Clubhouse

- Bar very busy and doing well this season.
- The extra bar staff will finish after the weekend of 13th Sept.
- Number of outside bookings helped with bar takings.
- During the summer, portable a/c unit purchased to cool the bar cellar, as temperatures were very high.

(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.

Update 8th Sept: FLVC grant not yet received and need to confirm with Rhys if Toyota application was successful.

Richard provided a quick update on further plans including:

Having a fundraising target with priorities, made and displayed in clubhouse.

New scoreboard sponsor in place.

Future events planned:

- i. Xmas quiz and party 6th Dec
- ii. Junior Film afternoon.
- iii. Sunday breakfast 2nd Nov.
- iv. Presentation night now on Fri 17th Oct.

Toyota prize draw has raised £1,025 so far.

(viii) Membership

- 86 now joined the club, with having paid their membership in full.

8. CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Boundary fencing to be included in the Club Development Plan.

Action: Ian H update plan and for the plan to be reviewed by IC/NJ prior to next meeting

9. AOB

- Bins & Recycling – need to either purchase or to build bins to help with collecting and sorting our recycling. Too much rubbish is being put in the wrong bins outside the clubhouse, resulting in needing to be sorting before collection.

Action: Nick J to investigate.

- AGM – this year's AGM will be held on Wed 12th Nov @7.30pm. Bar open from 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meetings: Mon 6th Oct 2025.