



DORSET & WILTS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

A meeting of the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Council was held on Tuesday, 8th July 2025, from 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES – AGENDA

[working assumption: papers sent with or referred to in this agenda will be taken as having been read]

No	Item	Lead/Action
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1. Zoom meeting.

2. Attendance, Inc. apologies: co-options and any introductions

Mike Moysey [MM]	Apol	Nigel Matravers [NM]	Atte	Gerald Burden [GB]	Atte
Alison Hunter [AH]	Apol	Marcus Monier-Williams [MMW]	Apol	Alan Ottaway [AO]	Atte
John Constable [JC]	Atte	Michael Bamsey [MB]	Apol	Nicola Vaughan [NV]	Atte
Elena Notarbartolo [EN]	Apol	Ed Taylor [ET]		David Wookey [DW]	Atte
Duncan Souster [DS]	Atte	Chris Taylor [CT]	Atte	Sean Macey [SM]	Atte
Jane Hart [JH]	Atte				

3. Minutes:

To note the of the Council meeting held on the 4th of April 2025, To view please [Click here](#).

NM thanked everyone involved in the Volunteers Evening (Organisers and Recipients)

The Honda Volunteers Programme is ending this year, next year the Volunteers events will be managed locally with increased funding from the RFU.

RFU Match Day experiences/events will continue

NM acknowledged the successes of the Representative Rugby teams, especially the Senior Womens.

The cost of Representative Rugby funding is an issue.

VP's review is on-going.

Letter received from the Referees – regarding behaviour at club level, this needs to be addressed, and a response sent.

England Rugby Schools – Funding, NV to talk with Mark Saltmarsh

JC reported that the old CSU was not very Pro-active in reaching out to all schools.

Age Grade Lead – Gordon Harding has been appointed

Follow on from Jason Yarwood interview, NM to talk with Gordon Harding regarding his links with England Rugby Schools or other roles.

AGM Reports

- **Administration – Received**
- President's Foreword – Received**
- **CB Engagement Team**
- **VP Membership – Received**

- **Sponsorship – Received**
- **Referees – Received**
- **Schools – Received**
- **Area Representatives – Received**
- **Club Support – Received**
- **Governance**
 - Discipline – Received**
 - GMS – Received**
- **Registration – Received**
- **Safeguarding – Received**
- **Inclusion & Diversity – Received**
- **GPDR – Still outstanding**
- **RugbySafe – Received**
- **Anti-Doping & Illicit Drugs – Still outstanding**
- **Director of Rugby – Received**
- **RFU Council Representative – Received**
- **Invited Attendees**
 - Referees – Bob Stock Trophy details received (Melksham RFC)**

4. AOB:

- Sponsorship – Set up a working group to go forward NM
- Revised D&W Structure – Copy Attached All
- League Secretary – Clubs – Referees meeting Update JC
To be held at Salisbury RFC on Wednesday 20th August 2025.
- Club Conference – held over from last season CB Engagement Team
- School Union – Following a telephone conversation between GB and Keith Gee, regarding the status of the School Union. It was agreed that the School Union (Andy Marriott) would be invited to join the D&W Council as a guest without voting rights as per other CBs.
Starting August 2025.
- NM asked for more members to attend from Council/VP's at County games next season.
- Under 18's South West Rugby, do we still wish to support this programme MB
The meeting agreed that the D&W would not participate in this competition next year. GB to formally inform Shane Aldridge.
JC pointed out that this is not a South-West ROC event.
- Follow up Email Text from Brendon Bale after telephone conversation with GB

I'm emailing as I thought of you and D&W RFU, basically I'm supporting a business here in London called Prevented Ocean Plastic. We work with Marlie Packer (co-captain for England who play in the Women's Rugby World Cup later this year). We collaborated on a co-branded refillable water bottle ideal for players and supporters. This would be awesome for age-grade rugby and adults women's teams as a priority.

We want to support grassroots rugby, so I can organise a delivery to different clubs or to a central club

- Bowden / Wildash Trophy
- DW thanked the Area Representatives for all their work.
- NV updated the meeting regarding all things RFU – email to follow, details below.
 - Sadie is back in work and out re-engaging with her clubs
 - Club Developers are arranging initial meetings with focus clubs and will feed back on how these go
 - 14 clubs applied for the Girls Activation Day packs

- You should have received funding comms last week – please note the amounts allocated for volunteer recognition and reward, and also the Community Rugby Support Fund. Happy to chat these through with you.
- [@Rugby Admin](#) Dave can you please send over the contact details for the new Huddle leads and which huddles they are with?
- Do we have any dates for huddle meetings set as yet? If we can share with Sadie and Ben, as and when they are set that would be great, so they can support the leads

Gerald Burden - Gen Sec