



## DORSET & WILTS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

A meeting of the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Council was held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 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**

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

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

#### 2. Minutes:

To note the of the Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. To view Please [Click Here](#)  
Noted

#### 3. Reports

##### ➤ Action List for Council Members

The RFU – Club drop-in session will be held at RWB on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

##### ➤ Administration

✚ Can you all review and update your section of the D&W Website, info to [admin@dwrugby.co.uk](mailto:admin@dwrugby.co.uk).

✚ Updates wanted for the pages below

[Page of Remembrance](#)

[Honours](#)

✚ Budget review – To be held at the next Council meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2026

##### ➤ CB Engagement Team

✚ VP Membership – No report filed

✚ Sponsorship – No report filed

##### ➤ Area Representatives

South Wiltshire

I held the South Wilts Huddle Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025. Disappointingly, despite countless reminders and gentle encouragement, the only clubs to join the meeting were Amesbury & Salisbury.

None the less a useful meeting. No one from the RFU was present although Ben did provide a couple of points which I included.

The main item of note is Salisbury looking to invest in new floodlights to cope with growing training numbers. They have bought some portable generator lights in the meantime but will look to the RFU grant.

Amesbury's only challenge at the current time is a shortage of players which they were concerned would impact on ability to put out teams in December and January although the December matches did all go ahead with a few subs too. Hopefully the same will happen in January. All other aspects of both clubs are going well.

I have had no other enquiries / issues raised by any other clubs in the area. Pewsey did take the time to message me with some golden role changes they have made which I thought was encouraging despite the general lack of engagement by huddle clubs.

West Dorset

Two clubs wishing to submit a request grants. ET to submit details to GB.

## ➤ **Governance**

### 🚩 Discipline

To view the Case List – Please [Click here](#)

🚩 Data – GMS & Registrations  
No Report filed due to illness

🚩 Safeguarding – No report filed

🚩 GPDR – No report filed

🚩 Anti-Doping & Illicit Drugs – Nothing to report

🚩 Inclusion & Diversity – No report filed

🚩 RugbySafe – The D&W are still in breach of Regulation 9 – a list of clubs which have already complied to be circulated

Monthly RugbySafe webinar – the D&W were not aware of these webinars

🚩 Festivals – No report filed

## ➤ **Club Support**

Club Support meeting: took place on 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 and we were delighted that Jane Hart (Governance) was able to accept our invitation to join to discuss how we could work productively to improve clubs' governance arrangements.

We identified a number of aspects where there is mutual benefit. In particular we agreed to try and provide:

🚩 4 sessions for clubs & refs to help improve relations by affording both sides the chance to listen to the others point of view & find common ground in the love for rugby played at community level.

🚩 4 sessions to discuss & help clubs better manage their Rugby Safe responsibilities.

These would hopefully be based in 8 different local clubs but serve the needs of their respective 'areas'.

Hopefully the first will be a constructive way to rebuild confidence between players & refs; the second a way to rebuild confidence for D&W that clubs are fulfilling the Rugby Safe remit they have.

Business Ops: Social Media Workshop - Dorset & Wiltshire RFU – the original date set at Royal Wootton Bassett RFC was lost as the club had a priority engagement on the day. It will be rearranged for the early part of the New Year.

Club grants: a draft grant application form has been prepared which hopefully can go live on our website shortly. In the meantime a couple of enquiries have been made and we have requested additional information before they can be considered. As always, we make request for grant conditional to compliance with wider D&W policy such as submission of club accounts, governance requirements and sign off by the clubs main committee before submission.

Volunteer Recognition Programme - Red Roses Tickets & Training Session - Volunteer recognition: nominations for the after consultation with the appropriate section were:

Red Roses Match: Claire Lambert (Corsham RFC)

Red Roses Training: Lia Gingell (North Dorset RFC)

Club Facilities prioritisation: The RFU is aiming to support club floodlighting improvements in the coming period. We are due to meet with RFRU Facilities Team reps at the end of January 2026 for further details.

Good wishes and all the very best for 2026

🚩 Volunteers

Under 20's – Team Manager and Head Coach Appointed

RugbySafe Lead – Appointed

Volunteer of the Year nominations, supported by Switch, will open on Monday (5<sup>th</sup> January) and close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Further information, along with the nomination link, can be found on the RFU website at: [Volunteer of the Year Awards 2026 | Rugby Football Union](#)

The RFU be sharing information with clubs through our social media channels, Community Game Update & other e-mail comms, but any support to promote the awards locally would be greatly appreciated.

During the nomination period, I'll send you fortnightly updates so you can see which clubs have been represented from D & W.

Extra support wanted (Admin). MM is planning to step away from this event.

### ➤ **Director of Rugby**

🚩 Representative Rugby – Senior Mens – Senior Women's – Under 18's Boys – Under 18's Girls – No report filed

South West Under 18's boy's issues still on going.

🚩 Community Rugby – No report filed

🚩 Walking Rugby

Not much to report but I have been approached by a chap called Robert Hay who represents the "Mandown" charity in Calne who want help setting up a walking rugby event. I'll be contacting him in the next week or so to see what support I can offer so will update on next report.

Foundation plans laid for D&W WR festival @ Devizes. Invitations sent to all clubs. Still awaiting responses from quite a few.

For various reasons the ref course hasn't worked out yet but will try to make something happen this side of Easter!

🚩 Women's Rugby – No report filed

🚩 Age Grade

All U15/16/Colts Cup Games are at North Dorset RFC on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2026.

Under 14's Cup Competition is at Sherborne RFC on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026.

Waterfalls

U13's on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026 at Dorchester RFC

U12's on 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2026 – Trowbridge RFC have been contacted to host; however, the club has yet to confirm!

PDGFP Girls U16

The PDGFP Girls U16 first development game was played at Newquay Hornets RFC against Cornwall on 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2025.

The next PDGFP Girls U16 development game against Somerset will be played at Bradford on Avon RFC on 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 - KO 14:00hrs.

### ➤ **RFU Council Representative**

Previous month's activity:

Have continued trying to get around to matches- have seen Weymouth & Portland v Wimborne 2, Lytchett Minster v Oakmeadians, Trowbridge v Chippenham and Oakmeadians v Bridport in recent weeks.

Have attended Adult Competition Management Sub-committee just before Christmas and also bene part of 3 weeks' worth of online meetings with clubs at Regional 1 & 2 to discuss how the season has gone to date, get views on play-offs and end of season Cups, replacements and structured season.

The session has been split over 3 days for each group- Monday – Head Coach/DOR, Tuesday – Administrators, Wednesday players. Each day meeting at either 8am or 6pm. The feedback from these will help to shape how certainly the structured season may look next season.

There are a number of local engagement sessions coming up that have bene advertised via the Community Game Update. The first sessions are aimed at clubs to book slots to discuss areas like Business operations, Volunteers etc. The closet venue is RWB on the 28th of Jan.

There are also some other engagement sessions which are a mix of virtual or face to face – with venues in D&W of Chippenham and Wimborne.

Current Budget update: n/a

Proposed Activity (including estimated cost)

Continued club visits plus attendance at meetings (either virtual or face to face).

Other items for discussion (please attach paper with estimated discussion time allocation)

Do we need to increase communications around available courses across the clubs and not rely just on social media posts? This would make sure, where possible, courses such as Play it Safe, Ready2Ref etc. are as close to fully booked as possible and avoid the risk of the course being cancelled.

➤ **Invited Attendees**

🚦 **Referees** – No report filed

The need to improve communications regarding Training Courses for Referees, with a more targeted approach from the Coaching Co-Ordinator's via GMS and other channels

🚦 **Schools** – No report filed

🚦 **CBRM** – No report filed

4. **AOB:**

December T of the M – Devizes

Ian Lawws trophy – Located

Women's World Cup Trophy Tour – More details to follow

Dorset Club Developer – Appointed

**Gerald Burden - Gen Sec**