



PEARSON  
FINANCIAL WELLBEING

**HUDDERSFIELD**

**PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**In the Chair:** Norman Clee

**Other Officers Present:** Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Administration Secretary – M Binns;  
Media Secretary – Mrs Paula Huddleston

**Life Vice Presidents:** G Crompton;

**Club Representatives:** L Harrison; C McCreadie; A Fortis (Grounds & Facilities)

### **Apologies**

Chair – Trevor Atkinson; EDI Chair – Mushtaq Hussain; Treasurer - A Hill; President – W A Sugden;  
Compliance Officer – Mrs Jackie Brook; LVP - R Tindall

### **Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Approved.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Edgerton & Dalton CC**

NC and MB updated the meeting on communications from E&D CC and with their landlords Dalton Bowling Club (DBC). Through our Chair Trevor Atkinson HPCL had convened and mediated in a without prejudice meeting between E&D CC and DBC with a view to attempting to find a mutually agreed way forward.

It is hoped that the outcome of this meeting and subsequent direct discussions between E&D CC and DBC will result in the parties reaching an agreement that will enable E&D to play at Dalton Fold in 2026 at least.

In the meantime, it was agreed that grounds and facilities advisors AF and C McC and PS will revisit Dalton Fold again on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to check the current state of the ground and likely first match pitch.

However AF remained concerned and uncertain about how the match pitch, in its current state, will actually play and whether the bounce will be sufficiently even and predictable to be safe. We therefore decided to ask that, in advance of 18<sup>th</sup>, E&D CC prepare and mark out the pitch on the square that they intend to use on Saturday, and that this pitch is tested by hosting a practice session of their 1st XI players on Thursday evening 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our experts will observe events which will enable them to judge whether a game can safely take place (and at a minimum level of quality) at Dalton Fold on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> or not. If they judge the pitch to be unsafe for play then the match will not be allowed to go ahead.

Furthermore, and assuming the match is given the go-ahead, since the game will be officiated by Club Umpires we will appoint a senior league official to attend, observe and monitor the match, and so he can liaise with the Umpires on the day and assist in managing any issues with the state of the pitch and ground should they arise. Ron Tindall will be approached.

## **Meeting of Club Safeguarding Officers**

This first ever meeting was attended by some 15 Clubs and deemed to be a success in terms of clarifying matters and attendee colleagues sharing knowledge/experience. It was agreed to run such meetings twice a year, which Jackie will organise accordingly.

## **Financial Report – TA (on behalf of AH)**

The Report confirmed that the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state with General Funds totalling £49k.

The Development Fund totals £12,682.02 after paying for Club Umpires scorecards and Club Umpires training.

We have received a request for an interest free loan from Moorlands for a scoreboard and sightscreens. The Treasurer has set out repayment terms and reviewed the financial information received from the applicant. He recommends approval. This was unanimously agreed.

## **Disciplinary Report – MB**

New GCR's valid from 2026 have been received and their effects are still being digested.

## **Media Secretary Report – PH**

Nothing additional

## **EDI Report - MH**

Nothing to report

## **Clubmark, Safeguarding and Compliance – JB via TA/NC**

Nothing additional

## **Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS**

Emley Clarence CC may have a possible play off clash with their 3<sup>rd</sup> cricket match of the season in May if Emley Football proceed to end of season matches. Phil will deal with this if/when it happens (by changing that fixture to Sunday).

## **Grounds and Facilities - AF**

Nothing additional to Council Minutes and comments regarding E&D CC above.

## **Any Other Business**

The meeting reviewed a request from the HPCL Umpires Association for an extraordinary adjustment in their 2026 match expenses due to a higher cost of travel to grounds due to the (Iran war related) increase in fuel costs. Since this was judged to currently be an average impact of less than £1 per game, and 2026 being the second year of a two-year deal (rule L10.5.2) the meeting decided not to adjust the match fee at this point.

The Executive will keep these matters under review over the next few months and consider a temporary fuel surcharge should there be a more significant increase in travel costs as the season progresses.

A question was received from a Club as to whether some of the ECB money received into HPCL's Development Fund could be used to contribute to the cost of training of persons needed to meet the ECB PL's requirements for Women & Girls cricket. It was agreed to consider this matter properly and formulate a thought through response to this question.

**Please note: The next meeting of HPCL's Executive Committee will take place at Almondbury Wesleyan CC on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 commencing at 19.00pm**