



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 PM AT THE FERRIBY SOCIAL CLUB

PRESENT: Martin Shaw (Chair), Duncan Ross (Deputy Chair), Steve Verity (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Colin Brooks, Mike Jones, Chris Bowlas and Mike Archibald.

APOLOGIES were received from Nigel Downes and Simon Tomlinson

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on 8 December 2025 were approved as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Duncan reported that preparation of a Feasibility grant application (re Energy) was on hold pending the establishment of the new legal structure for the Squash Club
- (b) Duncan reported that the club has good quality cavity wall insulation

FINANCE

- (a) Steve had circulated the Annual Accounts for 2024-25, which had been independently verified and were accepted.
- (b) He reported on issues to do with the gas and electricity supplies, and proposed moving from U energy
- (c) He was looking for various options with regard to top up payments through the Payne system, with particular reference to exploring the use of Stripe.
- (d) Signatures had been updated
- (e) In general, Steve reported that the club is in a healthy financial position, with £40k in the bank accounts

MEMBERSHIP

Mike Jones had circulated a paper showing an increase in membership of 17 more adult members since 1st November, bringing total membership to 138. He cautioned against comparisons with previous years, because of concerns about the accuracy of previous data. He had contacted over 240 previous (VOID) members, but this had not resulted in any renewals. He proposed to remove these from the membership list, leaving 70 who

had not renewed more recently and who he would circulate after the next renewal date. He also reported that income from court bookings was roughly similar for 2024/25 and 2025/26

PROMOTION AND COACHING

Chris had circulated a paper which detailed the developmental work on social media, notably Facebook and WhatsApp, and had also prepared and circulated a newsletter which had been welcomed by members.

After initial discussions with the club coaches and the difficulties in making progress it was agreed that

- a) Chris to explore with Andy what 'added value' he can deliver in lieu of not charging light fees for adult coachees
- b) Chris to clarify with Fiona what her coaching intentions are for juniors.

GOVERNANCE

Duncan reported that the new Company – Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball Club Ltd. – had been registered, and he was in the process of enabling the current Committee members to become the first Directors of the Company. He will now register the Company as a CASC – a Community Amateur Sports Club – to take advantage of tax concessions and put it in the best position to apply for grants for changes to the energy systems at the club. It was agreed that the Special General Meeting/AGM of the Club, for the members to approve the closure of the existing company and the transfer of the Club's assets to the new Company, would be held on Thursday 7 May 2026, at the Duke of Cumberland if available

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible officers were identified for new policy areas:

- GDPR/Data Protection Mike Jones
- Safeguarding Welfare Officer Chris Bowlas
- Code of Conduct, Disciplinary and Complaints Procedures Nigel Downes

Mike C had circulated a paper giving the current roles played and responsibilities held by existing Committee members. No amendments were suggested. It was agreed that responsible officers were:

- oversight of internal activities Colin Brooks
- inter-club leagues participation Simon Tomlinson

PREMISES MATTERS

Mike A reported that repairs to the guttering and cracks in the brickwork were in progress. It was agreed to accept a quote from club member Phil Parsons for stabilising the railings to the rear of the building.

It was agreed to proceed as a matter of urgency with replacing the consumer unit and securing the certificate of electrical safety – Colin Brooks to action

The overgrowth of ivy on the north wall of the car park is becoming a problem – Steve Verity to explore if his groundsman can sort

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) A vote of thanks was recorded to Paul Booth for his work in bringing new members into the club and stimulating playing activity
- (b) Jackie Smith was organising a get-together for women players on a Saturday morning, with the possibility of it becoming a regular feature, funded by a grant given to the club for this purpose.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 pm