

Shropshire Cricket Board Ltd

Minutes of a meeting of the Board meeting held on 19th January 2026 @ 5pm

Held on-line.

Participating: Adrian Collins (Chairman), Steve Reese, Jennie Good, Dave White, Rachel Mullard-Wilson.

1 Apologies: Hafeez Choudry, Joe Leach, Richard Twigg, Natasha Hird

2 Minutes of last meeting: Minutes for November meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters arising: – Two items from previous meeting were discussed Digital ID which needs to be completed by November and confirmation of the Budget for 2026/7 needed to formally approved.

4 Declarations of Interest:

Policy Document: Board Directors were asked to declare any outside interest that they may have that could affect the Boards work or interests. No new affiliations declared.

5. Directors Update

AC confirmed that he will be meeting with all Directors and discussing Director roles and responsibilities in the coming weeks, prior to advertising for new Director(s) particularly where Diversity role was positioned.

6. Safeguarding and EDI (JG) reported on the following the top items:

JG advised the original candidate had decided not to take up the role following initial acceptance. Vanessa Russell has been appointed the new **County Safeguarding Officer. She commenced on January 5th**, some of her previous administrative duties are being spread around the team.

New **County Advisor** (Cricket Regulator) due to visit on **April 22nd**

By which time the following management/overseeing/ or facilitation of, will be under VR's responsibility:

Management of the CPA to include uploading evidence as appropriate

Listening to children.

Risk assessments

Information sharing within the pathway

Policies and procedures

Training delivery

Newsletters/items

KPI's

SOG reports and minutes

Audit and quality assurance

JG reported on one of her KPI's.

An analysis of **low-level concerns** have been analysed club repeat poor behaviours and juniors being exposed to adult poor behaviour and directed abuse to be focus in 2026.

JG/SD had successfully addressed a number of individual concerns, supporting directly and indirectly with professional support provided.

7. Finance (AC)

AC presented the P&L report to date. No exceptions or areas of concern noted, with a T/O in line with budget and a margin of circa £9K due to additional unplanned MSW programme, staff fulfilling summer camp roles

Budget for 2026/27 was presented which showed increase in turn over and a small margin, retaining reserves of circa 4 months' salary. APPROVED. One question arose which line was the Peter Hutchinson Grant Award?

8. Performance Cricket - Boys (JL)

JL had provided a dashboard report ahead of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

9. Early Engagement Programme – (NH)

NH had provided a dashboard report ahead of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

10. Recreational Cricket (DW)

DW gave a comprehensive report on all areas as outlined in his dashboard report advising the excellent report discussions with Ops team.

These include

Senior Leagues – Midweek League expanding from 9 to 12 teams, work continues with the League Executive.

Facilities – Sundorne Games Hall, Shropshire Council have been advised of our withdrawal from any further discussions.

SR advised of positive discussions with ECB around investment into two potential projects in Telford & Wrekin

Officials

County Pitch Advisors

Club Development

Grants – all monies for 2025 have been allocated, 2026 award is in line with 2025 spend.

12. Women and Girls Recreational (RMW)

RMW gave overview of W&G's which was focussed on report from ECB.

We are performing above National average for Women's activity, but below for Girls.

Priority action areas are: Girls Sections/teams and female coaches

She praised the Young Ambassador Programme and it's impact but suggested could be used to support further development.

13. Sales and Marketing (RT)

RT had provided a dashboard report ahead of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

14. Schools and Community (SR/HR)

Covered by SR who advised we were on plan to deliver all Chance to Shine Primary obligations

Secondary Programme Pilot is being delivered and further schools planned to be delivered during Spring and Summer. Submission to ECB Game Changer Fund to happen before end of month.

STREET Programmes underway with exception of Longlands which will begin in Spring 2026 with club support.

15. Operational Report (SR)

SR provided a dashboard ahead of the meeting and indicated that he is awaiting meet with Network Performance Partner to review CPA status.

Several plans are required by ECB before end of January.

Highlighted concern of future Chance to Shine funding.

PRP Meeting booked for 23rd February at Worcestershire County Cricket Club.

16. AOB – JG advised VR needs to attend 2 Board meetings per annum in her role as CSO.

17. DONM – **16th March 2026** @ Wrekin College 5pm, face to face.