



## FERRIBY HALL SQUASH AND RACKETBALL CLUB

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at Ferriby Social Club at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

1. Committee. The Chair, Martin Shaw, welcomed members to the first meeting of the Committee since the AGM. The full membership is listed in 2 and 3 below..
2. Present were Martin Shaw, Duncan Ross (Deputy Chair), Steve Verity (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary) and Chris Bowlas (Co-opted Member).
3. Apologies were received from Mike Archibald, Steve Birss, Colin Brookes, Nigel Downes, Simon Tomlinson and Mel White.
4. The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 12 June 2025 were approved as a correct record.
5. The Minutes of the AGM held on 31 July 2025 were approved.
6. Treasurer's Report. Steve Verity reported that the Club had about £10k readily available and a further £21k in reserves, is in a healthy financial position, and should be in profit at the financial year end (30 September).
7. Premises Matters. The Velux Roof window in the Men's Changing room is to be replaced shortly. The Secretary would contact the owner of the access road about the hole near the entrance to the club car park. Duncan Ross was liaising with Colin Brookes over a matter to do with the electric meter located in the front building.
8. The Payne Bookings and payments system. It was noted that Mike Jones had offered to take over the primary liaison with Payne in place of Nigel Downes, with Mike Archibald prepared to assist with short term issues. It was agreed that Mike Jones be co-opted to the Committee.
9. Club Promotion. Chris Bowlas tabled a paper which outlined the issues around maintaining the future health of the club, and posed a number of questions relating to membership data, court usage and running costs, as well as the promotion of coaching and the use of social media. It was agreed that Chris should seek the help of other members to unearth more statistical information about the membership, and to promote the use of social media to attract more members. He would also discuss the promotion of coaching with the current Coaches.
10. The future legal structure of the Club. Duncan Ross reported that, with the help of a club member who is a lawyer, he is drafting a Constitution and Articles for a Company Limited by Guarantee, to be called Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball Club. When set up, the existing Company would be dissolved and its assets etc. would be transferred to the new Company.

The Club would also be registered as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) as being the most appropriate structure to ensure the continued existence of the club. It would also enable it to qualify for grants relating to the proposed changes to the energy structure of the club (solar panels etc.). This would require an Extraordinary General Meeting of members to approve the proposals. This course of action was agreed.

#### 11. Other Business

- (a) It was agreed to develop a Whatsapp Community for club members
- (b) In view of the Health and Safety implications, including access to the fire door at the end of the lower corridor, it was agreed to encourage members to put their bags in the changing rooms or lockers provided, rather than on the floor of the corridor.
- (c) The Secretary asked for assistance in the production of posters, notices etc. of professional quality for club noticeboards and circulations. Chris Bowlas has a laminator which he will make available.
- (d) It was suggested that, in order to be clear about who is responsible for what, role descriptions should be developed for Committee members and others involved in specific areas of activity. The Secretary would do a first draft and circulate it to Committee members for comment.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.