



Minutes:	General Committee
Date:	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
Time:	18:00
Place:	Committee Room, Kia Oval
Chair:	O Slipper
Members in Attendance:	<div>Z Ansari K Barlow S Dyson M Eadon S Elworthy MBE D Gill A Grabiner KC A Harinath W Jones K Kumaria E Lewendon R Mantell S Menneer C Payne P Pocock M Reeve L Rolles C Thompson S Wootten</div>
In attendance:	<div>E Calvert C Dymond K Leach (minutes) A Stewart OBE A Wells</div>

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies were received from C Doyle and A Lane.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 S Elworthy advised that the points raised at the last meeting regarding upgrades to the PA system and the toilets were noted and that these areas will be addressed as part of the winter capex schedule.
- 3.2 Since the last meeting, two dinners have taken place in the dressing rooms, and both have received very positive feedback.
- 3.3 The Club will take a targeted approach to selling out a women's standalone fixture, using data collected from previous attendees and those purchasing tickets for the Women's World Cup matches in 2026. The England v. New Zealand World Cup fixture, taking place at the Kia Oval next year, is the fastest selling game of the tournament so far.
- 3.4 The members of the previously appointed sub-Committee – Laura Rolles, David Gill and Lord Grabiner – agreed to re-form to look at the serious complaint against a member.

ITEM 4 CRICKET

- 4.1 E Calvert advised that three players are with the England World Cup squad, with a further two Surrey players on the reserve list. Paige Scholfield will be playing in the WBBL.
- 4.2 The women players will return for winter training on 3rd November.
- 4.3 A Stewart confirmed that the men's team return for winter training on 10th November and will have a shorter than usual Christmas break.

- 4.4** A Stewart was asked if there were any thoughts on an overseas player for next season, and he confirmed that players were being considered but nothing would be finalised until the Club was aware of which squad players would be with England or playing in the IPL. E Calvert also noted that the women's world cup takes place next season across the T20 Blast and so identifying a top overseas player would be a challenge.
- 4.5** S Elworthy announced that A Stewart has agreed, in principle, to return as full time Director of Cricket.

ITEM 5 CEO REPORT

- 5.1** S Elworthy advised that the Club has received an indicative schedule for the 2026 season, giving sight of the structure of the season. The full fixtures will not be available until late November.
- 5.2** The T20 Blast schedule is likely to be condensed due to the Kia Oval test taking place in June and the Women's World Cup fixtures. The Club has ensured that there will be a home County Championship match at the beginning of June, but this will also impact on the Blast schedule. The Club is now actively planning the management of all domestic competitions next season, with C&E also impacted.
- 5.3** The General Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Club in maintaining 14 County Championship matches for the 2026 season and it is thought that this will remain the format for the next four to five years at least.
- 5.4** S Elworthy advised that there is a media plan in place for the Hundred partnership announcement. It was hoped that the partnership would be formally announced this week, but this now looks unlikely. Recent discussions with Reliance have centred around ticket allocations, particularly for members. Members forums will be arranged once the partnership is announced. Player retention numbers are likely to be lowered for the 2026 season but this has still not been finalised.
- 5.5** O Slipper thanked S Elworthy and A Lane for all their work on the partnership negotiations, which have been continuing for almost a year.
- 5.6** The Committee asked if there had been any feedback from clubs regarding the new format to the Championship. S Elworthy will ask this question at the next Cricket Foundation meeting.

ITEM 6 FINANCE

- 6.1** O Slipper advised that once the Hundred partnership agreements were signed, funds would be available to the Club, and a strong business case would be needed for any monies to be drawn down.

ITEM 7 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- 7.1** C Dymond advised that there has been no further progress with the purchase of the Crickets Pub site. C Dymond and A Lane are meeting with the owner on 12th November, to try to finalise the purchase.
- 7.2** The Duchy of Cornwall is close to finalising a deal with the diocese, with development plans that will cover the ABT and Montgomery Hall sites. C Dymond is waiting for an update from the Duchy, as this could influence any plans for the Whitehouse.

ITEM 8 ECB

- 8.1** No further updates.

ITEM 9 GC E-MAIL INBOX

- 9.1** There has been one relevant e-mail received since the last meeting and that was concerning a request for Matt Dunn to receive his County Cap. It was confirmed that Matt had received a commemorative cap prior to the Club End of Season Dinner, but that he had not been capped and would therefore not appear on the Honours Board.

ITEM 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1** D Gill asked if anyone would like to contribute to the Surrey CCC Covid project, to contact him, and he would welcome any input and experiences of players and coaching staff. E Calvert asked D Gill to e-mail her with details to pass on to the players.
- 10.2** S Menneer asked what the Club can do to promote the red ball game. S Elworthy stated some of the reasons the red ball game is thriving at Surrey, are that the Cub values its membership and that the live stream has also had a positive effect. The Club needs to lead by example, investing more time into the County Championship next season, with Kids for a Quid, free after tea and collecting more data on attendees. Case studies can be shared with other clubs as well. It was suggested that the Club invite the marketing and ticketing teams from other FCCs, to share knowledge and findings, to help promote the game more widely.
- 10.3** S Menneer asked if a dedicated members area could be created at the JM Finn end of the ground. It would be difficult to replicate the level of members facilities in the pavilion and also, C&E business would be impacted if both ends of the ground were in use by members on County Championship days; therefore this is not something that the Cub envisages happening in the short term.

- 10.4** S Wootten requested Committee Room hosting dates to be finalised as soon as possible. K Leach agreed to issue as soon as possible.
- 10.5** C Payne welcomed that there are eight General Committee meetings scheduled for next year.
- 10.6** It was noted that Rev. Steve Coulson will remain as the Club Chaplain until a replacement is identified, even though he will shortly be leaving his role at St. Mark's Church.
- 10.7** E Lewendon raised the format of the End of Season Dinner and Awards ceremony and how the event should be more focussed on the members. The Committee discussed the various iterations of the events and S Elworthy confirmed that he will chair a committee which will arrange next seasons events.
- 10.8** O Slipper thanked S Elworthy and the executive team for all their hard work in delivering the 2025 season.

ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 11.1** The date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 27th November 2025 at 18:00.