



Minutes:	General Committee
Date:	Wednesday 10 th June 2026
Time:	18:00
Place:	Committee Room, Kia Oval
Chair:	O Slipper
Members in Attendance:	Z Ansari S Dyson M Eadon S Elworthy MBE P Garrard A Grabiner KC W Jones K Kumaria R Mantell S Menneer C Payne P Pocock M Reeve J Robines M Searle E Walters S Wootten
In attendance:	E Calvert C Dymond C Doyle A Lane K Leach (minutes) A Stewart OBE A Wells

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1** Apologies were received from E Lewendon and J Stapleton.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1** O Slipper welcomed the new members to the Committee – Phil Garrard, Jo Robinies, Martin Searle and Emily Walters.
- 2.2** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2026 were agreed as an accurate record.

ITEM 3 CRICKET

- 3.1** A Stewart updated the Committee on the ECB investigation involving Gus Atkinson. The Club is supporting Gus through the process and are waiting for confirmation of his availability for the County Championship match starting on 19th June.
- 3.2** In the County Championship, the team drew with Hampshire in the match which concluded today, which leaves them second in the table. A Stewart admitted that the team has not been at their best, dropping 36% of chances. There are seven matches to go in the season.
- 3.3** Rahul Chahar's visa was delayed and so he is now expected to arrive in the UK on 15th June and play his first match at Glamorgan that week.
- 3.4** In the T20 Blast, the team has 3 wins from 6 matches and so qualification for the quarterfinals is still achievable. Australian Josh Philippe is confirmed for the second block of T20 Blast and would also be available for the knockout stages and finals day.
- 3.5** As the Club is losing 15 players to the Hundred, A Stewart is considering bringing in one or maybe two overseas players for the 50 over competition. The Hundred wild card draw for both men and women's teams is to take place next week.
- 3.6** E Calvert advised that the women's team have had a good start to the season and are currently 3rd in the 50-over competition and 2nd in the T20 Blast. The team has a busy week coming up with four matches in 8 days across three different competitions.
- 3.7** With England players involved in the World Cup and an England A tour taking place, the squad will only have 11 players available. This is a particular issue for the County Cup competition where Academy players are cup-tied if they have played in earlier rounds for a Tier 2 team.

ITEM 4 CEO REPORT

- 4.1** S Elworthy highlighted the condensed cricket schedule over the next few weeks with the Test Match, Women's World Cup matches, T20 Blast, One Day Cup and Hundred all taking place over the next few weeks. S Elworthy advised that the Club was in a good place but there are some challenges.
- 4.2** Doug Hewett, an independent consultant, has been undertaking a Club culture project on the back of the ECB EDI survey results and the first draft of this report will be shared with the Club Board and the Committee at the July meetings. A project looking into the Club's community and charity work is also being undertaking, looking at the wider purpose of the Club. This report will also be shared once complete.
- 4.3** The Club has been looking into the ECB PPE/Safe Net Code, on the back of the corporate manslaughter case involving UK Athletics. Prof. Nick Pierce is presenting to the County CEO's meeting at Lord's on 11th June, after the Club highlighted the areas of concern around the regulation. The Club has taken legal advice and consulted with the Club insurers and the Risk Assessment has been reviewed. The regulation covers all levels of cricket from recreational to international. Some of the guidance issued by ECB is unworkable but risks must be mitigated to ensure safety in the nets.
- 4.4** There was an internal Club meeting this week regarding the Club's net zero progress report. Many of the Club's targets are reliant on third parties and also major investment in Club facilities, the work is ongoing.
- 4.5** The red ball working group are refining a paper which can be shared with other FCCs.
- 4.6** There has been good PR around the red ball game, with 55,000 attendees so far this season at the Kia Oval. The T20 Blast is now ahead of target ticket sales and the Women's World Cup matches have picked up in recent weeks. It is hoped that once semi-final teams are confirmed, sales will increase. Hundred ticket sales are currently 14% behind target.
- 4.7** Potential risks are around C&E, where after two record months so far this year, bookings for September and November are slow. The Club is still looking for sponsors for the T20 Blast back of shirt and the Hundred trousers.
- 4.8** The test of the free Members booking tool for the Surrey v. Middlesex Blast game went well, with good communication and take up and this will continue next year.

ITEM 5 FINANCE

- 5.1** Forecast 1 has been circulated prior to the meeting. Increased ticket revenue has been generated with hand backs from hospitality. £300k has been taken off the C&E budget due to the planned closure of the Ashes and England Suites over the winter for refurbishment. Venue costs have increased due to the national security level being raised to severe, meaning additional safety and security costs.
- 5.2** There are very few identified opportunities for the rest of the year, with a very short selling window, should the Club have a home T20 quarter-final and retail catering is always a risk.

ITEM 6 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- 6.1** C Dymond reported that planning permission would be required to convert the Whitehouse to an annexe of the Travelodge. There is no current pressure to make a decision, and the Club is waiting to see the Duchy of Cornwall's plans for the ABT site before making any decisions.
- 6.2** The Club is making progress with LSE with an interim proposal for a shared training ground with Fulham FC.

ITEM 7 ECB

- 7.1** S Elworthy advised that his three-year term on the Professional Game Committee is up for renewal in September this year. S Elworthy has been approached to extend his tenure for a further three years and will do so.
- 7.2** The Club is working with Andrew Travers the CEO of Wandsworth/Richmond Council, to secure ECB cricket dome funding after Surrey was excluded from the first round of announcements. Cricket domes have been announced for Birmingham, Bolton, Derby, Newcastle and Nottingham. S Elworthy will also discuss this with Elena Narozanski, who has just joined the Surrey Board and has connections with the DCMS.

ITEM 8 GC INBOX

- 8.1** There were several relevant e-mails which were discussed by the Committee. One new member wished to be more involved with the Club, and it was decided to connect this person with the Surrey Cricket Foundation. Other subjects discussed were issues with the Club website, catering facilities at the Vauxhall end of the ground, bag searches and stewards, player behaviour, the date for the women's T20 Finals Day, cost of food and drinks at the ground and player injury communications.

ITEM 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1** The Committee congratulated Theresa Peters on being named by ECB as one of 53 game-changing women in cricket.
- 9.2** The Committee discussed how the Club supports the Cricket Foundation and questioned if more support could be given, such as a donation opt-in on Day 5 ticket revenue. It was noted that the Club provides significant benefits in kind to the Foundation, such as office space, HR and Finance support and there is already an opt-in to donate to the SCF when purchasing tickets.
- 9.3** 13 mentors and 11 mentees have enrolled for the Club's mentoring scheme and skills alignment is now taking place, to match mentors and mentees.
- 9.4** O Slipper updated on changes to the Surrey Management Board. Ros Trinick and Michael Lavelle have left the Board, although Michael will remain as a Board Advisor. New appointees from June 2026 are Jenny Mitton and Elena Narozanski. The Club is also now compliant with the CPA 2 requirement for 40% female representation on the Board. The General Committee is currently represented at the Board by the Chair and Honorary Treasurer.
- 9.5** It was noted that, although it was taken to both matches, the Surrey flag was not flown at either Trent Bridge or Headingley.
- 9.6** The Committee asked if a highlights reel could be played on the big screen during rain breaks. This was particularly highlighted when there was bad weather at the recent schools' day and would have been a good way to keep the children engaged. This will be investigated by the operations team.
- 9.7** The Committee highlighted match scheduling clashes and timings, such as clashes with Lord's and the start time for the Middlesex T20 match at Lord's. This will be fed back at the CEO's meeting.

ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1** The date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 18:00.