

AYLESBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

Minutes of Club Executive Committee Meeting held at the Club on 20 April 2026.

PRESENT: Paul Milham (Chair), Derek Spence, Richard Lawrance, Ben Tominey, Gerald Evans, Sheri Irons, Paul Casey, Paul Andrews

APOLOGIES: Sarah Stevens

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

1.	EXPENDITURE APPROVAL.	
2.	100 CLUB. March accounts approved. March Results First Prize £100.00: Jason Churchill; Second Prize £60.00: Bob Prouting; Third Prize £40.00: Tom Brookes; Fourth Prize £25: Marion Rose	
3.	SAFEGUARDING. Helping with Padel Safeguarding.	

NEW MATTERS FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

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HON SECRETARY:

1.	Various correspondence was reviewed.	
2.	Club Diary was reviewed	

HON TREASURER & FINANCE:

1.	See attached balances.	
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RUGBY:

1.	See attached report	
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GROUNDS & PREMISES:

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CLUBHOUSE:

1.	Monthly Bar takings, March figures. Bar: £33,835.96. Kitchen: £11,559.77	
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MEMBERSHIP:

1.	See report attached.	
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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

1.	Being worked.	BT
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April 2026

1.	Volunteer of the Month – Mike Forbes. Referee Coordinator. Carried over into this month.	ALL
2.	Alternative Padel provision being explored. 24/02/25 – Good progress made with local business group to establish Padel courts. Planning permission being investigated. Heads of Terms being agreed. Area being agreed. An exciting prospect. 24/03/25 – Planning Permission request submitted 28/04/25 – Planning process meandering along 20/05/25 – Still in the planning system 23/06/25 – Still in the planning system 28/07/25 – Still in the planning system 18/08/25 – Still in the planning system 15/09/25 – Planning looks like it has been approved. Agreeing a lease. Hopefully work will start in the next few weeks. 27/10/25 – Lease being reviewed by solicitor. Work will start soon. 24/11/25 – Work has started. Estimated completion Easter 2026 19/01/26 – Good progress 09/03/26 – Planning for a Spring opening 30/03/26 – Planning for a Spring opening 20/04/26 – Still progressing well.	
3.	Second VEO being investigated 27/10/25 – £2,500. Looking for someone to fund. 24/11/25 – Still investigating 19/01/26 – Still looking for funding. 09/03/26 – Waiting for VEO for final costings. Sponsor has offered funding. 30/03/26 – Deal for three being negotiated 20/04/26 – C/O	PA
4.	Arranging first aid courses £60 per person 27/10/25 – Finding times 24/11/25 – January 19/01/26 – Some funding possible from County. Will progress. 09/03/26 – C/O 30/03/26 – In the process of being booked 20/04/26 – C/O	PA
5.	Investigating options for upgrading training lights – LEDs 27/10/25 – Quotes being organised 24/11/25 – £34,000. Some questions still to be answered. Possible fundraising in the future. 19/01/26 – Formal quote from Musco £35,500 plus VAT. There might be some RFU funding available. Continue to investigate. 09/03/26 – Exploring funding 30/03/26 – Crowdfunding being investigated 20/04/26 – Will need to raise a significant amount as seed. Options being considered.	PA PC
6.	Neuro diversity training to be organised 27/10/25 – C/O 24/11/25 – Looking for dates 19/01/26 – C/O to pre season 09/03/26 – C/O 30/03/26 – C/O 20/04/26 – Planned for early September	SS
7.	Sheri looking at replacing till and access system 30/03/26 – Moving from Club Control to First Sports. Great job. Thanks Sheri and INDSS. 20/04/26 – Club Control have started to deliver, so transfer on hold. Digital cards to be rolled out ASAP.	SI

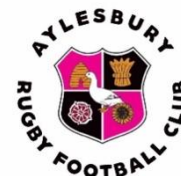
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be on **Monday May 18th 2026**

P. Milham
CHAIRMAN 18th May 2026

Aylesbury RFC
Finance Update 20 April 2026

Account balances:	
Trading Account 9165	£0.00
Club Account 9749	-£5,068.99
Savings Account 9757	£0.00
 Total:	 -£5,068.99

Aylesbury Rugby Club DoR Report Mar 26



DOR Summary (Pre-Season)

We are rapidly drawing towards the end of the season for all groups in the Senior Sections (both Men & Women), we have seen some excellent results coming in over the last period, with a particularly great day at home on the 28th March with our Men's 2's taking the BBO Cup and our 1st XV securing a 5th place in the league for a play-off position

1st XV (London & SE Division / Regional Thames 2)

Following a series of disappointing results in December and January the 1st XV Season have had a good couple of results in the last period with a hard-fought draw with Grasshoppers RFC, a narrow 2 point loss at OP's & particularly a pleasing victory over Teddington RFC last weekend (as shown below):

Date	Home Team	Score	Away Team
Saturday, 28 Mar 2026	Aylesbury Men I	29 10	Teddington
Saturday, 21 Mar 2026	Old Priorians	45 39	Aylesbury Men I
Saturday, 07 Mar 2026	Aylesbury Men I	43 43	Grasshoppers

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brunel University	21	20	0	1	102
2	Beaconsfield	21	17	0	4	87
3	Old Priorians	21	15	0	6	83
4	Belsize Park	21	14	0	7	76
5	Aylesbury Men I	21	11	1	9	62
6	Marlow	21	10	0	11	55
7	Teddington	21	9	0	12	55
8	Harnenden	21	9	0	12	53
9	Grasshoppers	21	8	1	12	47
10	London Irish Wild Geese	21	6	0	15	42
11	Windser	21	6	0	15	31
12	Oxford Harlequins II	21	0	0	21	13

These result results take us to 5th place, which means we will have at least one play-off game.

Following a week's rest the next 1st XV fixture, will be away versus Beaconsfield on the 11th April, followed by the first play-off game (ironically probably against Beaconsfield again) on the 18th April. To be in this position is a fantastic achievement regardless of any further results is outstanding.

2nd XV (Counties 4 Tribute Ale Berks / Bucks & Oxon North)

The 2nd XV have completed a rare undefeated winning season the Counties 4 League and have now added further glory by defeating Tadley II's in the final of the BBO Cup.

Date	Home Team	Score	Away Team
Saturday, 28 Mar 2026	Aylesbury Men II	20 0	Tadley II

The 2's have now been automatically promoted to the Counties 3 league for the next season. The 2nd XV season is now closed.



In the meantime, the coaching staff are discussing the options for additional coaching in this and the 3rd XV group, following the retirement of Julian Jones, who has done an outstanding job over 29 years at ARFC.



3rd XV (League TBC)

We are continuing to arrange friendly fixtures for the ARFC 3rd XV. The most recent being on Saturday 21st March at Huel Tring RFC, which resulted in a narrow defeat. The afternoon was a great success and an excellent time was had by all. Tring RFC's DOR has been in contact with me directly to ask if we can arrange several further games next season.

Senior Women I (Women's NC2 Midlands)

The Senior Women continue to face difficult opposition in the NC2 Midlands league. Notwithstanding this, the Women's 1st XV continue to press on with the season. We have seen a number of U18 girls stepping up into the Senior Level. The last fixtures played in March 26 include a loss to Olney Ladies and was a very narrow defeat to Milton Keynes Women last weekend.

Sunday, 29 Mar 2026		Women's NC 2 Midlands (South)	
	29 20		
Milton Keynes Women		Aylesbury Women I	
Match info →			

Sunday, 22 Mar 2026		Women's NC 2 Midlands (South)	
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Aylesbury Women I		Olney Ladies	
Match info →			

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Cambridge Women	10	10	0	0	49
2	Stockwood Park Women	11	7	1	3	42
3	Bletchley Women	10	7	0	3	39
4	Olney Ladies	12	5	0	7	35
5	Milton Keynes Women	10	4	0	6	30
6	Aylesbury Women I	11	1	1	9	25
7	St Neots Ladies	10	2	0	8	24

The final ARFC 1XV fixture for the Senior Women will at Home to Bletchley Women on Friday 17th April 2026.

Senior Women II (RFU Inner Warrior Series)

The Inner Warrior games are continuing for ARFC Women II in the Inner Warrior Series, another win last weekend 2026 secured the ladies 1st Position in the IW League:

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Aylesbury Women II	5	3	0	2	2
2	Reading Abbey Women II	4	3	0	1	2
3	Beaconsfield RFC 1st XV Women	4	2	0	2	2
4	Amersham & Chiltern RFC 1st XV Women	4	2	0	2	1
5	Gosford All Blacks RFC Women	0	0	0	0	0
6	Phoenix RFC Flames Women	1	0	0	1	0
7	Wallingford RFC Women	2	0	0	2	0

Colts (Herts & OBB Leagues)

The ARFC Colts concluded the OBB & H&M leagues (being undefeated winners in the OBB competition and with only 1 loss in the HM league to date).

We have seen an increasing number of Colts players at Senior training, as well as a number of Colts lads stepping up to play for the Senior 2nd & 3rd Men's Teams when appropriate fixtures allow.

Further joint training sessions have been held in March with the upcoming U16 age group (as an introduction to Colts Level) and a meeting was hosted by DoR & Head of Senior Rugby on Tuesday 24th with Colts & U16's players and parents present, to outline the 'ARFC Pathway' to Senior Rugby. This was very successful and positive feedback has been received from this group.

The Colts final friendly game of the season will take place at Home on Friday 17th April.

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Aylesbury Colts	7	7	0	0	34
2	Oxford U18s Colts	7	5	0	2	25
3	Reading U18 Colts B	6	3	0	3	18
4	Didcot U18 Colts	7	4	0	3	18
5	Wallingford U18s Colts	7	3	0	4	15
6	Windsor U18s Colts B	7	2	0	5	14
7	Rams U18s Colts B	7	2	0	5	9
8	Chesham U18s Colts	6	1	0	5	9

Other DoR Items for discussion at October Exec Meeting

1. **Women's Team Playing Kit** - Women's Kit awaited.
2. **Additional Coaching Resources** -
 - a. Women – Partially resolved.
 - b. Men's 2's & 3's – Plan in place for 2026 to 2027 Season (meeting held last week).
 - c. Colts – Partially resolved (meeting held last week).
3. **Pre-season planning** – planning for the 2026 to 2027 season has already commenced and several pre-season fixtures are already in the diary for August 2026.

The End – COYA's

Sheriff

Aylesbury RFC Executive Committee Meeting

Membership Report as at 19/04/2026

1. Membership purchases to date total £119,947 from 1st August 2025 through GMS only. This does not include any payments made via the bar by prior arrangement.
2. Outstanding orders total £7,682.22 which is slightly up from last month due to a final few memberships being purchased. I am currently chasing for payments.
3. We have had failed payments of £99.00 in April, again these are being chased.
4. Our ratio of registered players vs non-playing social/parent membership remains close to 2:1 which keeps us in line with CASC regulations.
 - a. I am in contact with the Gym manager and as there is still capacity to offer spaces, we are offering a few more social plus memberships to persons who pass our application process.
5. The GMS system still needs to be cleared of non members but I remain active trying to reduce duplicate memberships.
6. Club Control
 - a. I continue to argue with Club Control that their system is not fit for purpose. I have written to them and the finance company to put them on notice of our intention to leave. Club Control has said we would need to pay £11,500 if we wish to exit the contract with them before 2028.
 - b. As Club Control tries to fix issues, we have now received 5 no. portable wireless bar code readers to install in the club till system. We can trial run this system and if it works, we may be in a position to use digital cards as early as next month. I will need to set them up and ensure they work with the digital cards on the phones.
7. First Sports
 - a. I have put contact with First Sports on hold until we finalise the contract and associated deal with Club Control.