

AYLESBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

Minutes of Club Executive Committee Meeting held at the Club on 29 September 2026.

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

APOLOGIES: Gerald Evans

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

1.	EXPENDITURE APPROVAL. £600 for First Aid Training. £800 for Club ties. £600 for tree felling.	
2.	100 CLUB. August accounts approved. August Results First Prize £100.00:Chris Bennett; Second Prize £60.00: Chloe Panter; Third Prize £40.00: Jon Peploe-Williams; Fourth Prize £25: Steve Bishop	
3.	SAFEGUARDING. DBS processing ongoing. Still a few to do. Safeguarding Audit completed.	

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.	Nothing to report	
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GROUND & PREMISES:

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YOUTH:

1.	See Report attached.	
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CLUBHOUSE:

1.	Monthly Bar takings, August figures. Bar: £30,384.65. Kitchen: £2,577.25	
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MEMBERSHIP:

1.	See attached report	
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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

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1.	Volunteer of the Month – Rachel from Kitshop.	ALL
2.	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 18/05/26 – Start of new season 29/06/26 – Start of new season 27/07/26 – Start of new season 24/08/26 – End of September 29/09/26 – Confirmed for end October. Funding approved. Half paid for by County.	PA
3.	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. 18/05/26 – C/O 29/06/26 – Investigating funding sources. 27/07/26 – Fundraising underway 24/08/26 – Investigating costs for replacing dead bulbs in the meantime. 29/09/26 – Grant application underway. Long shot probably.	PA PC
4.	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 18/05/26 – Early September 29/06/26 – Early September 27/07/26 – Looking at dates. Delivering to A&C as well. 24/08/26 – A&C 7 th October. 29/09/26 – Delivered to Aylesbury. Well received. A&C to come. Other requests for course – Sarah arranging for County and other Clubs. Closed.	SS
5.	Introducing the concept of Service Ties – as distinct from Honours ties 27/07/26 – C/O 24/08/26 – Examples provided. 29/09/26 – C/O	GE/BT
6.	Need a Centenary celebration committee	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50pm. The next meeting will be on **Monday October 19th 2026.**

P. Milham
CHAIRMAN 19th October 2026

Aylesbury RFC
Finance Update 29 September 2026

Account balances:

Trading Account 9165	£0.00
Club Account 9749	£36,438.50
Savings Account 9757	£0.00

Total:	£36,438.50
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Aylesbury RFC Executive Committee Meeting
Membership Report as at 28/09/2026

1. Pending payments are slowing down but still too many. The total is down from last month and is now £4,785.00. I will continue to chase payments, here is the breakdown:
 - a. Adult Players
 - i. £740.00
 - b. Youth Player
 - i. £2,885.00
 - c. Parent
 - i. £150.00
 - d. VP PLUS
 - i. £540.00
2. There have been a few parents purchasing “Additional Child” membership for their child who should have paid for “First playing child”. I have been in contact with these parents and have managed to recover £245 towards membership fees by paying in donations.
3. Our ratio of registered players vs non-playing social/parent membership remains under 2:1 which keeps us in line with CASC regulations.
4. Club control Club Hub continues with one big issue last month where the access control did not work – no issues since reported to me.
5. I have installed a “Members” key on the till – if the till system is not reading cards, then we can use the member button to allow discounted prices to be used.
6. We have 668 members registered on GMS.

ARFC Minis, Juniors and ATL Girls September 2026 Report

Executive Overview

The opening weeks of the season have provided a positive foundation for youth rugby at Aylesbury RFU. Across the Minis, Juniors and ATL Girls sections, players have returned with enthusiasm, coaches and volunteers have re-established strong routines, and families have contributed to a welcoming club environment. Early activity has focused on safe participation, enjoyment, skills development and rebuilding team connections after the summer break.

Minis Section

The Minis section has made an energetic start, with an emphasis on fun, confidence and age-appropriate skill development. Training sessions have helped new and returning players settle quickly, while coaches have reinforced the core values of teamwork, respect, discipline and enjoyment. Particular attention has been given to creating an inclusive first experience for new families and supporting a smooth transition for players moving into new age groups.

Juniors Section

The Juniors section has begun the season with a clear focus on development, player retention and progressive rugby. Squads are building fitness, technical ability and tactical understanding while maintaining a strong commitment to player welfare. The early programme has also supported continuity between age groups, helping players take on greater responsibility and prepare for the increasing demands of competitive rugby.

ATL Girls Section

The ATL Girls section has opened the season with strong purpose, continuing to provide a supportive pathway for girls to begin, develop and progress within the game. Sessions have centred on confidence, core skills, teamwork and enjoyment, with coaches working to strengthen connections across age groups. Recruitment, retention and appropriate playing opportunities remain central priorities as the section seeks to build sustainable participation throughout the season.

Shared Strengths and Priorities

- **Player welfare:** Maintain high standards of safeguarding, concussion awareness and safe coaching practice.
- **Coach and volunteer support:** Ensure teams have sufficient qualified support and clear communication throughout the season.
- **Recruitment and retention:** Welcome new players and families while keeping existing members engaged.
- **Player development:** Provide consistent, age-appropriate pathways from Minis through Juniors and into senior rugby.
- **Club culture:** Continue to promote inclusion, respect, enjoyment and positive touchline behaviour.
- **Fixtures and festivals:** Coordinate suitable playing opportunities that balance competition with development.

Outlook for the Season

The priority for the coming months is to convert this positive opening into consistent participation and development across all three sections. Success should be measured not only through results, but also through attendance, player retention, coach development, safe delivery and the quality of the experience provided to every player. With continued support from coaches, team managers, volunteers, parents and the wider club, the Minis, Juniors and ATL Girls sections are well placed to build momentum and deliver a rewarding season.

Current focus

The current focuses are

1. Making sure all players are registered to Aylesbury RFC
2. Making sure that all players have a valid membership and that new players this season after the 2 weeks trial have bought membership.
3. We are slowly working through all the DBS checks to make sure all teams are fully compliant with any working as a volunteer having a valid DBS
4. We are starting a review of all the coaching qualifications for each coach and looking at what training is required to support them through there coaching journey.
5. We are looking to have 2 Emergency First Aid at Work Level 3 for Rugby Clubs in October to cover 24 peoples training at a total cost of £1270 which I believe half will be covered by Bucks County.
6. We need to urgently recruit a ARFC Club Coaching Coordinator to help with driving the ongoing training of coaches across the club.
7. We also need to recruit 2 new social media team members to support delivering the social medial content across the club platforms for the M&J Section.

Thanks

Paul Andrews