

12th January 2026 Council Meeting Summary

The meeting was chaired by TH (the Vice chair of Council) who welcomed everyone to the meeting wishing them all a happy and successful New Year. A number of trustees were attending on-line. Because of this it was agreed that a number of agenda items would be deferred until the next meeting.

The CS confirmed that the 2026 WPCS Journal went to print on 23rd December so is well on target. It will have a hard cover celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the WPCS. By mid- January the office will, hopefully, have some idea of the likely posting date to members.

The 2026 AGM was discussed. It was agreed that MyVoice were to be scrutineers again this year. There are six nominees for five places on council so there will be voting by the membership. It was agreed that there would be two options for voting: either on-line (there will be two reminders to the membership to vote) or members can vote in the traditional manner by hard copy. Members will be identified by their membership number so that 'double' voting cannot take place. It was agreed that MyVoice, as scrutineers, will provide Geldards with the verified results for the solicitor to announce at the AGM.

The CS attended a HOYS Rule meeting. The necessity for Welsh Cobs not to be measured for the show was confirmed as there is no upper height limit for Welsh Cobs in the Breed Standard. The 'dual' qualification of a Welsh Section C in both the Breed class and CHAPS was raised. An animal can be eligible to be registered with CHAPS with very little white markings.

There was a discussion on the cost of meal tickets for lunch at the Performance Awards. It was agreed that 'venue dictated cost' and Cheltenham (the venue for this year) is probably more expensive than others venues might be. However, equally it was felt that we have to accommodate and encourage members from all over the country when choosing venues. It was decided to charge £30 a ticket for a lunch ticket and the society would have to make up the difference. It was agreed that this event has to be looked at in committee for future Awards events.

The draft schedule for the 125th Anniversary Show is with the office and will be released asap as all judges had accepted. The show has 15 HOYS qualifiers as a one-off for this show. A meeting is scheduled with the RWAS to discuss available facilities. It is noted that events at the Llanelwedd will be constrained in future by HSE directives following eg fires that had occurred in the Horse parking areas during 2025 events.

The issue of 'producers' showing clients' horses at the 125th Show was raised. It was agreed that producers can show clients' exhibits at the show – but obviously not under a judge for whom they had shown horses in the past. There will be a need for c40

stewards as there are a number of performance rings apart from the In Hand classes, particularly with all the HOYS qualifiers. At a show meeting all this , including sponsorship, will be discussed. CF agreed to join this committee to assist.

It was agreed that a special '125' medal be struck for 2026. This will be used for all Bronze and Silver Medal shows held in 2026. Special '125' rosettes will also be ordered for all Medal Shows.

The WPCS Young Judges' Competition, which has been taken back in house, is on the agenda for the next J&S meeting. It was confirmed that the next Judges' Assessment is also on the agenda for this meeting.

EP is concerned that the pavilion at Builth is showing its age and is in need of substantial maintenance. EP and MD were thanked for their continuing efforts in the maintenance of both the pavilion and the office at Felinfach. MD will contact JK to meet up at the pavilion to assess what is needed.