

10th August 2026 Council Meeting Summary

TH, as vice-chair, welcomed all trustees and the President and President Elect to the meeting. The election of a new chair after the resignation of Ed Gummery was a priority. TH was nominated in order to have continuity, she was unanimously voted in and she duly accepted. AB was nominated to be vice chair and again was duly elected. JH was also voted as chair of E&W and RJ as YA mentor.

The chair thanked JK for giving some training on judging for youngsters (using the section Cs) at the Royal Welsh Show.

The President was congratulated on his family's very successful Open Day and sale. It had obviously taken a great deal of hard work to put on such a spectacle which was much appreciated.

Applications for the Judges' Assessment had closed and the CVs would now be examined ready for invitations to attend. Nominations for the next YA were also closing. Interviews for this usually take place in Builth at the Society's Sales October.

The decision on a complaint which had been examined by someone outside the society would now be implemented.

Finally, there was a discussion on the 125 Show which it was felt had been a great success and much appreciated by members. It was agreed that it was something we should build on. So many people had contributed their efforts to make it a success. Thanks were extended to those who worked tirelessly to get the show up and running as well as all those who helped on the days of the show. David Puttock was singled out for all his efforts as a non-trustee and it was discussed/decided how this should be recognised.

The CS said that the application window for the Judges' Assessment had now closed and the next stage (examining the CVs) would take place after the council meeting.

The welfare case that has come to court is in the process of mediation.

It was agreed that payment for copyright should be made re photos submitted by a third party last year.

The cotton '125 sheets' have all been sold and proved very popular. The Champions at the 125 show all received them and exhibitors commented on them as well as the lovely rosettes and sashes.

It was agreed to donate £500 to the International Show being held in Holland on 22nd/23rd August. A few trustees were going to attend.

It was agreed that a review of the Judges' Disclosure Forms needs to take place and it needs to go on an agenda for the J&S committee.

Entries for the WPCS Official Sale Autumn are due to close on 28th August 2026 for the Sale (17th/18th October).

Finance: RP stated that he is obviously dealing with all the expenses for the 125 Show. Judges need to have a letter asap thanking them and asking for them to submit their travel expenses, He personally wanted to send out 'thank you' cards to all those who helped.

The reclaiming of Gift Aid was still being pursued by RJ.

The electricity account from the RWAS (for the pavilion) has been an issue for many years. It was agreed that it needed to be paid and then monitored closely thereafter.

The state of the pavilion is now a concern. It is old and it was suggested that we either completely overhaul it or knock it down. The latter would entail issues with the RWAS and be of great concern to the members who really appreciate it, albeit on not many days a year. A committee was set up to investigate and cost any actions.

The new WPCS representative for the JMB is CF.

Kent County and Royal Norfolk shows were discussed as potential Silver Medal shows. They would obviously have to put on a full classification which, hopefully, would encourage their entries and give opportunities for our members in those areas. AB would approach Kent County show which has a new Horse secretary in Livestock. CF would approach Royal Norfolk show . It had already been agreed to reduce the required number of classes to 5 for Silver Medal shows. The cost of the Medal packages was also looked at it was agreed that all Medal shows would have a £200 fee to include affiliation.