

These approved minutes of the Farriers Registration Council (FRC) are to be treated as privileged and are for the sole use of current members of the FRC and the FRC secretariat. These minutes may not be used, published, copied in any form or redistributed without the prior written consent of the Chair of the FRC.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Farriers Registration Council (AGM) held as a hybrid meeting on  
Wednesday 29 April 2026, commencing at 10.38hrs



Present

Dr J Sutton (Chair)

Mr A B Charlwood

Mr I Davidson

Mr S Green AWCF

Mr B J Howson AWCF

Mr A Jordan

Mr R A Kearn DipWCF

Mr C D McKell DipWCF

Mr H Price DipWCF GradDipELR

Mr J Sim AWCF

Mr L Williams

Appointed By

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Scottish Enterprise

Elected Member

Elected Member

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Elected Member

Elected Member

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

British Horseracing Authority

Apologies

Operations Superintendent K Colman

Royal Society for the Prevention to Cruelty  
to Animals

Mr D Harman AWCF GradDipELR

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

Mr D Mountford MA VetMB MRCVS

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Staff

Brigadier D J Greenwood (Registrar)

Mrs N Finck (Deputy Registrar)

Mrs V Jones (Executive Assistant)

Public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## 1. Apologies for Absence and Welcome

Apologies were received from Operations Superintendent K Colman, Mr D Harman and Mr D Mountford.

It was noted that Ms J Bryan, appointed by Lantra had resigned from the Council.

The British Equestrian Federation had confirmed their appointment of Ms G Stanford, who has yet to complete her induction.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Council Members declared possible conflicts of interest as follows:

*Dr J Sutton* - appointed by the RCVS, FEI Anti-Doping Official and Equine Insurance Underwriter

*Mr A B Charlwood* - appointed by the WCF, WCF Liveryman and Honorary Assistant to the Court of the WCF

*Mr I Davidson* - appointed by Scottish Enterprise

*Mr S Green* - working farrier, member of BFBA and horse owner

*Mr B J Howson* - working farrier, member of BFBA and horse owner

*Mr A Jordan* - appointed by the WCF and WCF Liveryman

*Mr R A Kearn* - working farrier

*Mr C D McKell* - working farrier

*Mr H Price* – appointed by WCF, member of WCF and BFBA, horse owner and working farrier

*Mr J Sim* - working farrier, member of the BFBA and BFBA Executive Committee

*Mr L Williams* - appointed by British Horseracing Authority

## 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 30 April 2025

The approved minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 April 2025 were noted.

## 4. Matters Arising from the AGM which are not Agenda items and which have not been progressed at ordinary Council Meetings

There were no matters arising.

## 5. To Approve:

### 5.1 Committee Membership 2026

The Council considered membership of its committees for 2026 and decided as follows:

Policy and Finance Committee (P&FC) – The Council **APPROVED** the continued appointment of Mr A Charlwood as Chair and the membership of the P&FC.

Approvals Committee (AC) – The Council **APPROVED** the appointment of Mr T Smith FWCF GradDip ELR as Chair and the membership of the AC.

A list of Council Committee membership and Council representatives to the Farriery Apprenticeship Steering Group (FASG) set out at Appendix A to these Council minutes was considered and **APPROVED** by the Council.

### 5.2 2025 Audited Accounts

Mr Charlwood presented the Audited Accounts for 2025 for Council approval. Mr Charlwood reported that 2025 had been another good year for financial control and thanked Mrs N Finck and Mr K Denman for their efficient collation of the accounts. The Auditors had given the FRC a clean bill of health with no recommendations. The Registrar reminded Council Members that the Auditors did not just check numbers, they also checked the Council's continued compliance with its own polices and other regulations.

The Council **APPROVED** the Audited Accounts for 2025.

### 5.3 2025 Annual Report

The Council considered the draft Annual Report for 2025.

The Council **APPROVED** the draft Annual Report for 2025 for publication. The Council was reminded the report, including the audited accounts, would be published on the FRC website and hard copies made available on request.

## **6. To Note:**

### 6.1 Annual Declarations and Confidentiality

It was noted that in accordance with the 'Countering Financial Crime Risks' policy, Council Members and Council employees had completed an Annual Declaration for 2026. Additionally, Council Members had submitted annual confidentiality statements.

### **Any Other Business (AOB)**

There were no matters of AOB.

*The meeting concluded at 10.46*

## **Annex A: FRC Policy and Guides APPROVED during this meeting**

- 2025 Audited Accounts
- 2025 Annual Report

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## Farriers Registration Council and its Committees

<p><u>FRC as at May 2026:</u></p> <p>WCF 1                    Mr A Charlwood  WCF 2                    Mr A Jordan  WCF 3 (Farrier)        Mr H Price  RCVS 1                   Mr D Mountford  RCVS 2                   Dr J Sutton (Chair)  BHA                        Mr L Williams  RSPCA                    Ops Supt K Colman  Lantra                     Vacant  Scottish Enterprise    Mr I Davidson  BEF                        Ms G Stanford  BFBA Farrier 1         Mr D Harman  BFBA Farrier 2         Mr J Sim  Elected Farrier 1      Mr S Green  Elected Farrier 2      Mr B Howson  Elected Farrier 3      Mr R Kearn  Elected Farrier 4      Mr C McKell (Deputy Chair)</p>	<p><u>Policy and Finance Committee as at May 2026:</u></p> <p>Mr A Charlwood* (Chair)  Dr J Sutton*  Chair of AC* (Vacancy – current Chair not a Council Member)  Mr I Davidson*  Mr C McKell  Ops Supt K Colman</p> <p>* denotes RemC</p>	<p><u>AC as at May 2026:</u></p> <p>Mr T Smith* (Chair)  Mr S Newman*  Educationalist (vacancy)*  Mr D Mountford  Mr C McKell</p> <p>* denotes contractor</p> <p><u>FRC Member of FASG as at May 2026 (as required):</u></p> <p>Dr J Sutton</p> <p>supported by Council staff (Registrar and Deputy Registrar)</p>
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