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Minutes of the Meeting of the
Farriers Registration Council held as a hybrid meeting on
Wednesday 24 April 2024, commencing at 10.45am



Present

Appointed By

Mr T Smith FWCF GradDip ELR (Chair)

Elected Member

Mr Y Breisner

British Horseracing Authority

Mr A B Charlwood

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Operations Superintendent K Colman (V)

Royal Society for the Prevention to Cruelty to Animals

Mr T B Daniels BSc (Hons)

Elected Member

Mr I Davidson

Scottish Enterprise

Mr G Elliott AWCF GradDipELR (V)

Elected Member

Mr D T Gardner AWCF (V)

Elected Member

Mr D Harman AWCF GradDipELR

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

Mr R P May AWCF

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Mr D Mountford MA VetMB MRCVS

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Mr M Peaty BVSc CertEP CertES MRCVS (V)

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Mr M Potter (V)

Lantra

Mr J Sim AWCF (V)

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

Dr J Sutton (Deputy Chair)

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Mr M Weston (V)

British Equestrian Federation

(V) = attended virtually

Staff

Brigadier D J Greenwood (Registrar)

Mrs N Finck (Deputy Registrar)

Mrs V Jones (Executive Assistant)

Public

There was one member of the public in attendance.

ACTION

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

It was noted that a member of the public (Mr J Wilsher – a past Master of the WCF) remained in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest

Council Members declared possible conflicts of interest as follows:

Mr T Smith – working farrier, member of the BFBA and WCF Freeman
Mr Y Breisner – BHA representative, recipient of farriery services from Mr Elliott, Trustee of British Horse Foundation
Mr A Charlwood – appointed by the WCF and WCF Honorary Assistant Operations Superintendent
K Colman – appointed by RSPCA and horse owner
Mr T Daniels – working farrier, member of the BFBA and Field Officer for Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College.
Mr I Davidson – appointed by Scottish Enterprise
Mr G Elliott – working farrier and Contractor for British Equestrian
Mr D Gardner – working farrier and member of the BFBA
Mr D Harman – WCF Liveryman, member of the BFBA and BFBA Executive Committee
Mr R May – working farrier, appointed by the WCF, WCF Court Member and member of the BFBA
Mr M Peaty – appointed by the RCVS, BEVA member and horse owner
Mr M Potter – Appointed by and CEO of Lantra
Dr J Sutton – appointed by the WCF, Liveryman and Member of WCF Examinations Board, FEI Anti-Doping Official and Equine Insurance Underwriter
Mr M Weston – employed by BHS, appointed by BEF
Mr D Mountford – appointed by RCVS, Chief Executive of BEVA
Mr J Sim – working farrier, member of the BFBA and BFBA Executive Committee

3. Notification of any items to be raised under 'Any Other Business' (AOB)

There was one item of AOB submitted in advance of the meeting by Mr D Harman with regard to ATFs. It was agreed that the matter would be addressed under 7.1c Report of the Approvals Committee – ATF List.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 October 2023 and the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2023 were noted for reference purposes only, the minutes had previously been approved by Council members out of committee.

5. Matters Arising which are not Agenda Items

There were no matters arising to be considered.

6. To Receive and Consider the following Reports, Council Committee Minutes and Associated Papers:

6.1 Minutes of the Registration Committee (RC) Meeting of 5 March 2024

The Council noted the minutes of the RC held on 5 March 2024. Mr Breisner, Chair of the RC acknowledged the recent work undertaken by the staff on publicity and referred Council Members to the Gold Award awarded to the Council at Your Horse Live 2023 for the best stand for being helpful and informing the public that was displayed in the Council Chambers.

The Council considered the draft paper titled 'Farriery and Social Licence to Operate with Equines'. The Council discussed the paper that had arisen from discussions at the RC meeting and evaluated the role of the regulator in such messaging. The Council accepted that while it was not strictly the role of a regulator to take a lead on such matters, the notion of promoting horse welfare and improving the culture within the profession were of significant importance to the Council. Emphasis was placed on farriers articulating their own value to owners and the profession highlighting its positive attributes. **Council Members concluded that they were supportive of some form of messaging being available to the Council on the subject of 'social licensing' and the Registrar undertook to keep the draft message under review in light of the Council's discussions.**

6.2 Foot and Farriery Conference held in Glasgow on 20 March 2024

Mr I Davidson gave a verbal update on his attendance at the Foot and Farriery Conference, held at Glasgow on 20 March 2024. Mr Davidson was very pleased to have represented the Council at the conference that had been attended by approx. 90 farriers and apprentices. Key themes during the open Q&A sessions had revolved around the lack of funding for apprentices in Scotland and the perceived costs incurred by ATFs who continued to train apprentices. Some indication by Scottish officials confirmed the intention to develop a Scottish Apprenticeship in farriery but it remained to be seen if and when this would be progressed. **The Chair thanked Mr Davidson for attending and concluded that Council would continue to monitor the situation.**

[The Chair concluded the open session of the Council Meeting - Mr J Wilsher, the member of the public observing left the meeting].

7. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 and 7.12 WERE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MATTERS OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY

7.1 Report of the Approvals Committee (AC)

7.1a Approval Visit to Army School of Farriery (ASF), Defence Animal Training Regiment (DATR) – interim report

7.1b Approval Visit to Vetskill End Point Assessments

7.1 c ATF List

7.2 Rules of the Farriers Registration Council

7.3 The Register of Farriers and Registration Policy and Procedures

7.4 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 27 March 2024

7.5 Future Development of Farriery Legislation

7.6 Rules for Election of FRC Chair and Deputy Chair

7.7 FRC CCTV Policy and CCTV Risk Assessment

7.8 Publication Policy for Statutory Functions delivered by the Independently-Operated Investigating and Disciplinary Committees

7.9 Financial Policy and Procedures

7.10 Financial Crime: Money Laundering Risk Assessment

7.11 ATF Guide

7.12 Restorations Application Guide

8. Any Other Business:

There were no further items of Any Other Business.

The meeting concluded at 13.41pm

Date of Next Meeting – 12 June 2024 (Training Day) and 16 October 2024 (Meeting)

Annex A: FRC Policy and Guides APPROVED during this meeting

- Rules of the Farriers Registration Council – amendments
- The Register of Farriers and Registration Policy and Procedures
- Rules for Election of FRC Chair and Deputy Chair
- FRC CCTV Policy and CCTV Risk Assessment
- Publication Policy for Statutory Functions delivered by the independently-operated Investigating and Disciplinary Committees
- Financial Policy and Procedures
- Financial Crime: Money Laundering Risk Assessment
- ATF Guide
- Restorations Application Guide