



**Sussex Rugby Football Union  
Community Rugby  
Minutes  
31 Mar  
Red Lion, Patcham 7.30pm**



Those invited to attend:

Roger Edmondson (RG) (CB President)  
Jackie Coleman (JC) Safeguarding manager  
Peter Atthis (PA) (COPS)  
Paul Harding (PH) (Chair CWCRDP),  
Mal Chumbley (MC) (RDO)  
Chris Keeley (CK) (Chair SWCRDP).  
David Jenkins (DJ) (Chair SERCDP).

David Fisher (DF)(Vice Chair Community Rugby)  
James Gorton (JG) (Chairman of Girls Rugby)  
Peter Mercer (PM) (CB Facilities coordinator)  
Graham Thompson (GT) (RFU rep)  
Gary Howorth (GH) (Chair Community Rugby and SRCDP)

Item and minute	Action	Target date
1. Apologies – Mal Chumbley (Eastbourne RFC)		
2. Minutes were accepted as read.		
3. S of A update given good progress had been made since the last meeting, remaining Clubs of concern, Midhurst and Pulborough. Meeting with Burgess Hill had been positive with Allan Butcher now leading	MC	
4. Child protection, 19 members of Clubs had attended the safeguarding workshop at Hove, 13 at Chichester and 13 at Heathfield. One final course to be confirmed at Crawley. Jackie gave an overview of vetting and baring and produced a very useful explanatory document. Training would be held for Clubs in the summer.	JC	
5. Facilities, excellent work by Peter supported by Rick Bruin and the Sussex Clubs. Crowborough plans had been agreed and were subject to finance, Hove extension was approved. Peter had held a very proactive meeting with Shoreham. He noted that that the RFF grants were in abeyance until July, RFF loans are still available. Bognor, Eastbourne and Ditchling had all been approved for the replacement posts scheme.	PM	
6. Partnership and Girls, no update from Girls rugby. South West RDP, Chichester to host Beach Rugby at West Wittering on 17/07 9inc V rugby project). Littlehampton were due to celebrate their 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Central RDP requested more information on Volunteer nomination criteria, they had also discussed the Sussex Safety regulation group guidelines on holding festivals. Haywards Heath lead a discussion on the dos and don'ts of incorporation. Food Hygiene course requested for next season. South East, Sonya Desilva would be invited to the next meeting as Girls rugby had been the hottest topic. South, good meeting held at Hove with no issues.	All	
7. V Rugby awaiting feedback from Mal		
8. AOB a. First Aid training 2 County supported courses to be run struggling to arrange a convenient time, to be replanned in the summer. b. Equity and Club for all training to be sponsored via Sussex County Sports partnership	Chris/ Paul David	

