Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 25th March 2025
via Teams - 10am

Association of Costs Lawyers

Council members present:	Jack Ridgway (JRid), David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Stephen Averill (SA), Kris Kilsby (KK), Julian Caddick (JC), Victoria Morrison-Hughes (VMH), Amy Dunkley (AD), Nathan Cameron (NC) & Jane Risley (JRis)
Also present:	Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations

The meeting started at 10:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	JR welcomed all to the meeting.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 25th February 2025
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 25th February 2025 were an accurate reflection of the meeting. It was agreed that item 8.1 should be partially redacted before publishing on the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 25th February 2025
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	JRid confirmed that the members voted in the 2025 Association Articles and By-Laws at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 12th March with no questions or queries raised. Council formally adopted the Articles of Association in a vote called by David Bailey-Vella, seconded by Stephen Averill.
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	AD updated Council on speakers for the Manchester conference, with alternatives discussed where invitations had been declined. Overnight accommodation requirements for Council the evening before were confirmed.
5.2	Regarding orders for CLR reports *redacted due to confidentiality*. Council suggested further promotion at the Manchester Conference, via slides and perhaps attendance by CLR as an expo slot.
5.3	Council reviewed the sponsorship of the Modern Law Awards and the awards ceremony itself. *Redacted due to confidentiality.*
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK confirmed the formal response to the CJC consultation had been submitted and focus would now return to the WP review of Prec G.

7	Education Committee Report
7.1 7.2	VMH advised a full update had been provided following the latest ACLT Meeting. KK raised a concern regarding the perspectives and suitability of social media messages and posts on the ACLT pages. Council will put to the ACLT Board for discussion and comment.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	SA provided Council with an update on investments and ACL Bank Accounts. *Redacted due to confidentiality*. Annual review meeting with Enable is scheduled for late April.
9	Operations Report
9.1 9.2 9.3	CC advised Council that Andrew Gordon-Saker had accepted Honorary membership of the Association. Council approved a suggestion from CC to close the website forum, providing an archive of posts / threads that members can review if needed. Functionality to remain within back end in case required in future however promotion of LinkedIn forum will continue. Council reviewed the changes in membership categories in the 2025 by-laws, agreeing subscription rates and member entitlements.
10	Any other business
10.1	Council discussed an email from the CLSB regarding the Association becoming a member of the Professional Mortgages scheme. It was decided that the scheme does not comprehensively cover all mortgage providers and would only appeal to a small proportion of our members. Scheme is likely based on a salary structure and predication scale, data that is currently unavailable for Costs Lawyers.
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	The next meeting is 15th April, via Teams at 10am