

Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 8^h May 2025
Voco Hotel, 7pm



Council members present: David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Victoria Morrison-Hughes (VMH), Stephen Averill (SA), Kris Kilsby (KK), Julian Caddick (JC), Amy Dunkley (AD), Nathan Cameron (NC) Jane Risley (JR), Sharn Khaira (SK) & Nicholas Lee (NL via Teams)

Also present: Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations & Jo George (JG)

The meeting started at 19:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	DBV welcomed all to the meeting.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 15 th April 2025
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 15 th April meeting were an accurate reflection. It was agreed that items 4.1, 5.1, 8.1 & 9.1 should be partially redacted before publishing on the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 15 th April 2025
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	DBV formally welcomed all to the meeting, detailing this as both Sharn and Nicks first Council Meeting.
4.2	DBV confirmed council member acceptance of sub-committee placements as proposed in the April meeting.
4.3	<i>Item 4.3 redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	Operations confirmed final details for the Manchester Costs Conference and detailed specific plans and tasks for Council the next day.
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK detailed an expected consultation for the Solicitors Act and the ACL response.
6.2	KK will represent the ACL at the upcoming LSB meeting and plans to explore chartered status for Costs Lawyers.
6.3	Council discussed methods to improve and highlight consumer protection – does the public know who CLs are and what they do. Members to be reminded to complete and maintain specialisms in the FaCL Directory. Discussion to be had with Black Letter and Ian CN as Co-Chair of Citizen Advice in Reading.

6.4	Council discussed working with ATE Providers to include CLs as external disbursements, this will be taken forward by VMH.
7	Education Committee Report
7.1	A full update will be provided following the next ACLT Board Meeting in June.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	SA detailed the final handover to JC as new Treasurer, including access and contact with Nucleus and Barclaycard.
9	Operations Report
9.1	As PR-AM above.
10	Any other business
10.1	n/a
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	The next meeting is Thursday 19 th June, 10am via Teams