

Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 28th April 2026
 online, via Teams
 10am



Council members present: David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Victoria Morrison-Hughes (VMH), Julian Caddick (JC), Kris Kilsby (KK), Amy Dunkley (AD), Jane Risley (JR), Nicholas Lee (NL), Nick Northrop (NN) & Hannah Buswell (HB)

Also present: Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations

The meeting started at 10:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	DBV welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Nathan Cameron.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 26 th March 2026
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 26 th March meeting were an accurate reflection. Redacted items were approved.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 26 th March
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	DBV formally welcomed Hannah to Council and thanked Kris for his two terms. DBV asked if any members of Council wished to change committee to let him know. NC has expressed interest in Policy, meaning HB would join PR-AM.
4.2	DBV reported on the 2026 annual general meeting which was attended by 25 members. No questions were raised and members are happy with direction Council taking and plans for 2027.
4.3	DBV has discussed with BL a Junior Roundtable event to be held outside London (Manchester?), later in the year – Kings are keen to host and support this.
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	CC provided an update on the Manchester Conference, now sold out at 100 delegates.
5.2	NL provided an update on the 'Why Be' campaign. The brief is being further revised before final submission to Station Rd and Black Letter.
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	Council discussed the CJC Solicitors act Reform consultation, with a plan to create a working party from members for response. A breakout session will be offered on this at the

	Manchester conference, hosted by VMH and NL – with prior support from AD as not attending conference.
7	Education Committee Report
7.1	NN detailed that a mentoring scheme is being considered with ACLT – full report in May.
7.2	JR provided an update on the Apprenticeship – now approved by the DoE and onboarding tasks are being completed by end of May for a full launch by the end of 2026.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	JC reported on investment value <i>redacted due to confidentiality</i> stabilising after fluctuations from the uncertainty in the markets / Iran war.
8.2	<i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
9	Operations Report
9.1	Covered in all other committee updates.
10	Any other business
10.1	<i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	The next meeting is Thursday 14 th May, in person, The TreeHouse Hotel, Manchester. 7pm