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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL 17 MARCH 2026 AT 14.45 pm**

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Claire Sadler Chris Barker Robin Marshall-Ball John Furbisher John Harlow Dr Al Gabriel (<i>Dial in</i>) Gareth Wilson Aidan Dryden Alan Morrow Angela Charlton Lydia Castellano	Chairman Vice Chair
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Caroline Bedell Gareth Dockerty Operations (EDSO) Matt Ellis Garry Doolan Terry Behan Steve Griffiths Peter Clark Tommy Mayne	Chief Executive Chief Operation Office (COO) Executive Director of Shooting & Executive Director of Conservation (EDC) Executive Director of Communications (EDCom) Deputy Director of Shooting & Operations (DDSO) Director Wales (DW) Director Scotland (DS) Director Northern Ireland (DNI)
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	Project Integration Manager (PIM)
Present	Rob Hastie Jak Abrahams Marnie Lovejoy	Registered Society Secretary - Director of Finance Director of Public Affairs Deputy Director of Conservation

Chairman's Welcome

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

No apologies were received.

The Chairman paid tribute to Christopher Graffius, noting his significant contribution to the Association and shooting in general. The Chairman welcomed the Director of Public Affairs and the Deputy Director of Conservation to their first Council meeting.

2. To confirm confidential items

Confidential Items – 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 15, 16, 17 & 18

3. Any other business

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4. Declaration of Interest

Item 13 Directors of BDL

Item 16 John Harlow

5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 6th February 2026 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 6th February were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 5th February 2026

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 5th February 2026 were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

7. Health and Safety report

7a – H&S Report

7B – H&S Risk Plan

The Health and Safety Report and Risk Plan were taken as read, with no further comments or questions from Council.

8.0 Political Affairs Report *Confidential*****

The Political Affairs Report was taken as read.

9.0 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was taken as read.

10.0 Chief Executive Report *Confidential*****

The Chief Executive Report was taken as read

The EDSO provided an update on the following key areas

- DSC1 - online
- LANTRA

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The DDSO provided an update on the following key areas

- Shows & Events
- Gamekeeper webinar
- Stalking Show
- National Outdoor Expo Show

DW provided an update on the following key areas

- Operation Titanium

DS provided an update on the following key areas

- Moy Game Fair
- Talking Stalking Events
- Joint NFU Webinar

DNI had no additional points to highlight

EDC provided an update on the following key areas

- Avian Influenza – article 55
- UKWAS
- Earn't recognition - wildfowling
- Living Heritage – wildfowling

EDCom provided an update on the following key areas

- Dunblane 30th Anniversary
- Staff Update

11.0 Strategic Risk Register *Confidential*****

The COO's paper and Strategic Risk Register were taken as read. Council was asked to adopt the Register.

12. Management Accounts up to end of January 2026 *Confidential*****

The Management Accounts to the end of January were taken as read.

The Council meeting was closed to allow the BDL AGM to take place.

13. BDL AGM

1. Apologies – none

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2. Appointment of Directors – Council approved the appointment of Eoghan Cameron, Claire Sadler and Chris Barker.
3. Adoption of the Directors Report and Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2025 – these have been approved by E&F and would be circulated to Council by email for formal approval. Council members were asked to respond within one week.
4. Appointment of the Auditors – Council approved the appointment of WR Partners
5. AOB – none received

The BDL AGM was closed, and the Council meeting resumed.

BASC Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2025.

14. Appointment of Director for BASC Limited

Council approved to appoint Matt Ellis as a director of BASC Ltd.

15. CRM Update

The COO's CRM update was taken as read

16. Honours and Awards Recommendations for 2026

The Chairman of the Committee thanked members for their work and invited Council to approve the nominations as set out in the paper.

17. Council Register of Interest

Council members were asked to update their interests on the live Register by 31 March 2026.

18. Governance Documentation Update

The COO's paper was taken as read..

19. AOB

Date of next meeting

The next Council meeting will take place at Marford Mill on Thursday 28th May 2026 at 2:00pm

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman