

# UKAPU Minutes

## Attendees

- Robbie Hutchinson (RH)
- Stephen Dodds (DD)
- David West (DW)
- Darren Duff
- E. Lawrence (IL)

Apologies:

- Yams

## Review of AGM Minutes

The AGM minutes have been split into two sections:

- Formal AGM minutes
- Management meeting discussion minutes

A heading correction is required to change the year from 2025 to 2026, which was done.

## UKAPU Site Voice Launch

Discussion regarding launching the UKAPU Site Voice initiative.

RH intends to begin promoting it on social media over the weekend.

Patches for Becky, Stephanie, and Nathan still need to be organised.

## Patches

Two recommendations were given, both companies have previously converted fabric patch designs into PVC successfully.

A previous supplier was dropped after it was discovered they were based in Europe despite claiming fast dispatch.

A design was offered by RH, which used an older logo. It was agreed that it should be updated to use the current UKAPU logo and potentially include "Site Voice" branding.

Special edition AGM patches for 2026 were also suggested.

## Financial Reserves Clarification

The financial reserves discussion was postponed until Yams is present.

## AttackSense Roadshow

Discussion held regarding logistics for the AttackSense Roadshow.

Biohazard and Section 8 remain interested in using the range.

Delivery costs were estimated at approximately £50.

The committee agreed delivery should be arranged directly to DD's workplace where possible.

DW proposed:

- Purchasing an Apple AirTag for tracking during transport
- Purchasing a new lock for the case
- Issuing replacement keys to relevant committee members

The committee agreed.

## **Website and Communications**

Discussion held regarding updating the UKAPU website.

DW advised against moving away from WordPress due to the complications surrounding membership payment migration.

A redesign and refresh of the current theme was proposed instead.

Potential improvements discussed:

- New homepage layout
- Improved landing pages
- Streamlined navigation
- General visual refresh

DD confirmed experience with systems administration and server support.

## **UKAPU Clothing and Branding**

Quotes were reviewed for branded UKAPU clothing supplied through VSN.

A concern was raised that visible VSN branding may appear to imply sponsorship.

The committee agreed:

- To ask whether supplier branding can be removed
- To seek alternatives if branding cannot be removed

Suggestions included:

- Larger UKAPU logos on the rear of jackets and softshells
- Additional visibility branding for events

## **Airsoft World Proposal**

RH discussed ongoing conversations with Airsoft World regarding a competition framework.

The proposal would involve:

- Regional qualifying events
- National competitions
- International finals

The structure was compared to FIFA-style tournament progression.

The committee agreed the proposal could:

- Increase UKAPU visibility
- Strengthen relationships with sites
- Improve political presence within UK airsoft
- Encourage greater community engagement

Committee members were asked to review the supplied documentation before the next meeting.

## **Midlands Airsoft Fair**

IL confirmed attendance at the Midlands Airsoft Fair on 7 June.

IL requested:

- UKAPU leaflets
- Posters
- Promotional materials

The committee authorised reimbursement for reasonable printing and promotional expenses.

## **First Aid Courses**

Discussion held regarding UKAPU organising first aid courses for players.

The committee agreed this could:

- Provide value back to the community
- Encourage safer gameplay
- Improve confidence around first aid situations on sites

A lengthy discussion followed regarding:

- Site responsibilities
- Legal protections surrounding first aid
- Liability misconceptions
- Encouraging volunteers to assist during emergencies

Additional future training ideas discussed included:

- Mental health awareness courses
- Community wellbeing initiatives

## Action Points

- AP: RH to contact BBC Patches and BTL PVC regarding new patch designs.
- AP: RH to obtain mock-ups for Site Voice patches.
- AP: RH to investigate special edition AGM patches.
- AP: Financial reserves clarification to be revisited at the next meeting.
- AP: DW to arrange AttackSense delivery to DD's workplace.
- AP: DW to purchase Apple AirTag and replacement lock for AttackSense case.
- AP: Committee members to review Airsoft World documentation before next meeting.
- AP: DW and DD to discuss website redesign ideas.
- AP: RH to confirm whether VSN branding can be removed from UKAPU clothing.
- AP: RH to investigate larger UKAPU branding options for jackets and softshells.
- AP: DW to send UKAPU leaflets to IL.
- AP: UKAPU to reimburse reasonable Midlands Airsoft Fair promotional expenses.
- AP: RH to draft social media and promotional messaging regarding first aid training.
- AP: Committee to investigate hosting future first aid courses.

## Next Meeting

Thursday 11 June, 7:00 PM