



Rugby Options

On the 18th January 1900hrs at Penrith Rugby Club all club representatives, including myself, attended a meeting to vote on the future league structure involving Cumbria teams. There were 3 options given to all the clubs to discuss prior to the meeting. The RFU presentation team was John Owen (chairman), Colin Murdock, Ian Shovelton and Frank Sheppard.

Introduction/overview was given by both John Owen and Colin Murdock
Options 1 & 2 delivered by Ian Shovelton
Option 3 delivered by Frank Sheppard.

Once presentations were completed the representatives were asked to comment on their clubs concerns. It became clear that all clubs playing at level 7 had no reasons for change, comments like “It’s not broken so there’s no need to fix it.”

Each rep was asked to fill in a voting slip identify club, name and signature for a ballot. For any of the options to be carried it had to have 2/3rds of the votes.

Option 1 received 15

Option 2 received 2

Option 3 received 6

Reality check for the Cumbria teams, especially level 9 (shield teams) Option 1 was the reason for trying to change structure within Cumbria.

The RFU presentation team, following the result of the ballot, was proposed by John Owen that there will have formal all day work shop(s) to deliver a way forward involving all Cumbria Clubs. No time scales were given.

Millom RFU Club will act now to formulate the best way forward for our club and players with the rejection of Option 3.

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