BWFC Supporters' Trust

MEETING NOTES

Subject:	Board Meeting
Venue:	Inspire Board Room, Toughsheet Stadium
Meeting Date:	31 03 2026 @ 6.45pm
Present:	Terence Rigby (TR) Sue Higson (SH) Paul Wood (PW) Martin Parnell (MP) Ian Pegg (IP) Pete Bond (PB) Jamie Adams-Mercer (JM) Mike Smith (MS) Robin Fletcher (RF) – Secretary Shane Stopforth (SS) -Guest
Apologies:	Alan Houghton (AH)

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1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes

a) The previous minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- **RF** has issued to all the Board Directors a milestone plan of key events, timings etc throughout the year to be used as a guide to administrating the Trust. RF asked **all** the Directors to read through the document, which should prove useful when the time comes to rotate the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary in September.
- RF advised that there had been no update from our accountants regarding the closing down of dormant CIC.
- Further to the decision at the October 2025 meeting to ask the Club to include a pictorial plaque to be situated on the route of the stadium tours, **RF** joined the stadium tour a few weeks ago and suggested the bridge/staircase from the East Stand k could be a possible location. To be raised with Club at the next Structured Dialogue Meeting (SDM).
- **James Storey** was to provide details of the method used by the DSA to renew membership subscriptions. It was agreed at the meeting whilst we need to ensure subscriptions can be paid easily, implementing any new system is fraught with risk of losing more members.MP has continued to encourage lapsed members to renew their membership.
- **RF and MP** are to investigate the merits of issuing a annual membership card.
- RF did investigate as to whether the QR Code linking to the join page for membership was working and confirmed that it was.
- **RF** to include on the agenda for the SDM the request for the Club to promote the Trust when issuing 26/27 season tickets.
- Flyers and 2 new pop posters have been purchased and are currently in the FZ cabin. **MS** to send to MP/RF the invoice and payment details.

- **MP** is to contact the Lead of each Affiliate Group and remind them of their commitment to be a subscribing member and to actively encourage their group to join the Trust.
- **RF** to put together a message to our current, past and potential new corporate members for approval by the Board.
- The What's App groups are to be updated in accordance with the agreement of the previous meeting:-
  a) 'All New Trust Board' **RF** to take over the Admin from Maggie Tetlow. To be used strictly for the formal business of the Board.
  b) 'Trust Consult' **RF** to take over the Admin from Maggie Tetlow. To be used by the Board and all those who are actively involved in the Trust. To be used for the day to day and/or less formal day to day business of the Trust.
  c) 'Affiliates' **MP** to take sole charge of the Admin. To reform the Group to include the Lead members of each Affiliate, who have paid their annual subscription, together with the relevant members of the Trust Consult .
  d) 'Trust Banter Group' **RF** to take over the admin from Maggie Tetlow. To be used for informal chat with regard to team performance etc. Please bear in mind it is incumbent on al Board Directors not to pass any comment that is detrimental to any individual.
- MS confirmed Bernstein Kitchens would not be offering the Family Ticket next season. The Board offered their thanks for their sponsorship with the tickets over several seasons.
- The following are on FZ cabin duty for the remaining games of the season:-
  06/04/2026 Stockport 15.00 Shane/Terence
  14/04/2026 Stevenage 19.45 Vernon/Alan
  18/04/2026 Huddersfield 15.00 Sue/Robin
  02/05/2026 Luton 15.00 Mike/Alan
- The Remembrance Group will be cleaning up the grave of Thomas Ogden (co-founder of BWFC) **SH** will look into the formal procedures to erect a headstone with an appropriate Epitaph.
- MP has made comments on the FSA guide to Fan Engagement. **All** to review and make recommendations were both the Club and the Trust can make improvements.
- **IP** to make enquiries into the cost of digitising the Road Runner videos
- RF and IP have met with Club regarding the installation of a Memorial Garden & Talking Bench by the beginning of the 26/27 season. RF offered to prepare a pricing document for the Club to obtain competitive tenders and await a response.

3. Financial Report

a) MP confirmed the current account balance is £9,873.74. The Capital Reserve and Fighting Fund have had no withdrawals, and, have accrued £7948.80 and £270.92 in interest since the 1st of August 2025.

4. Manbassadors Walk for Hope

a) SH, IP & RF are participating in the walk from Bolton Town Hall to the Toughsheet Stadium the Luton games on the 2nd of May 2026

5. Supporter of the Season Award

a) RF reported that no interest in sponsoring the Supporter of the Season Award had been received from the business community.
b) As things stands there are 6 (£125.00) seats available to Trust Board Members on the Sponsor's Table. RF requested confirmation on who would take up the seats. IP & SS are not attending this year. MS is already committed to taking a Women's Team table.

6. Feedback on the 10th Anniversary of the Trust Event

a) The ticket allocation of 300 was fully subscribed a week before the event. On the night there were some 'no-shows', however, the room felt full.
b) Very positive feedback has been received from the both the guests and attendees.
c) Some suggested improvements included having an auction as well as a raffle, more card machines, more direct recruitment for members and publicising before the event to bring cash.
d) RF confirmed the raffle raised £815.00, half of which will be contributed to the Ricardo Gardner Jamaicaon Hurricane Fund, and, the bucket collection raised £100.44. It was acknowledged that without the sponsorship from Dawson Pies for the buffet, together with the donation of the Chorley cakes, the event would have barely broken even financially. For the next event it is proposed to consider charging for entry, possibly a minimal sum for subscribing members and an incentivised charge to encourage non-members to sign up

7. Bus Survey

a) The Trust have given feed back to the Club on their experience of using the Bus service prior to the Doncaster match on the 17th of March 2026. After discussion it was agreed **RF** would draft an email to be sent to the Club setting out our position on the need to maintain an affordable means to travel to and from games.

8. Agenda for the Structured Dialogue Meeting

a) **RF** to issue an agenda for the SDM on the 10th of April 2026 including the following:-
- Promotion of the Trust
- Memorial Garden
- Ricardo Gardner Legends Game/ Bank Account
- Youngest Team Photo Memorabilia
- Buses

9. Any other business

a) RF confirmed a donation of £1,000.00 had been received form a Trust Member based in the USA. Without the doners permission it would be in appropriate to name them in these minutes, however, it was unanimously agreed recognition should be given at the earliest opportunity.
b) The doner has a cousin who has a lot of Wanderers memorabilia and has it in mind to offer the Trust. We need to have a robust system in place to make an inventory of items, their ownership and location. We currently have items stored with MS, programmes with RF, 1923 & Charlie Wright items with the Club, and, the loan offer of Keith Brannigan's play off final gloves
c) SS suggested subject to Ricardo Gardner's approval the sale of T-Shirts. Another suggestion is organise a golf day.

10. Next meeting date

23rd of June 2026 at 6.45pm